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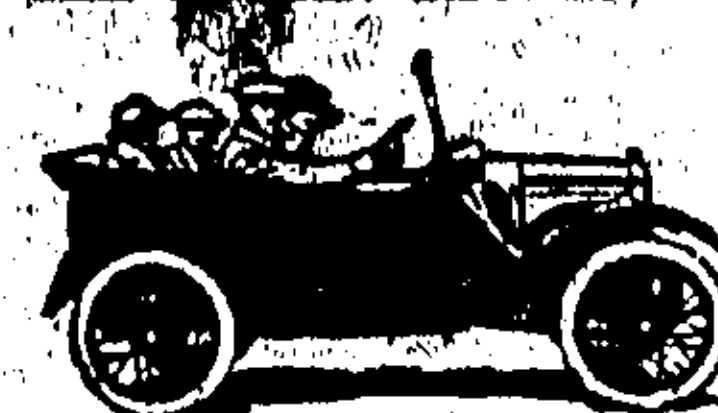
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## ALLIED UNITY. COMPLETE SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE.

DEFINITE RESULTS.

Text of Protocol Published.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 14.  
The Finance Conference has been crowned with complete success; the agreement has been signed; and a positive step has been reached in the reconstruction of Europe, thanks to Allied harmony and concord.

The Italian and Roumanian  
representatives have signed the



MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

financial agreement with reservations.  
The reservations are not fundamental, but merely cover the interpretation of the protocol of the conference.

BRAZIL'S RIGHTS.  
The Brazilian Minister signed with reservation as regards Brazil's rights and eventual participation in the Dawes Annuities Conference.

NO HEARTBURNING.  
This is probably the first inter-Allied meeting which has left no heartburnings. General satisfaction was voiced by M. Clementel, Mr. Winston Churchill, and Mr. Kellogg, in speaking at the plenary session, that the Allies were again working in complete harmony and that a definite stage had been reached toward the reconstruction of Europe. M. Herriot, on entering at the close of the proceedings, congratulated the Conference on its positive results.

BROTHERLY LOVE.  
M. Clementel, referring to the problems still ahead, placed in the forefront of these the friendly-he might say brotherly—settlement of inter-Allied debts.

BRITAIN AND AMERICA.

Mr. Winston Churchill dwelt on the arrangement made to meet the wish for the United States to be included effectively within the scope of the Dawes plan. He said that when the matter was first broached the British Government maintained an attitude of reserve. Some weeks ago the British and American conversations had been lively and prolonged, but frankness and cordiality enabled a solution to be reached. The American plan would not im-



M. CLEMENTEL

pose an onerous burden on the Allies' finances. Indeed, the burden of the Allies would be less during the early difficult years than it would otherwise have been; and, although, if the Dawes plan marched to its full normal conclusion, there would be a substantial advantage to the United States, this advantage would only be during the periods when all the Allies were better off than at present.

BRITISH CABINET.  
London, January 14.  
The British Cabinet meets to-

morrow to hear Mr. Winston Churchill's report on the Paris Conference and to prepare a reply to the Note which M. Clementel handed to Mr. Churchill on the subject of British and French indebtedness.

PROTOCOL PUBLISHED.  
London, later.  
Mr. Winston Churchill's return to London coincided with the pub-

## FOOD PRICES. ROYAL COMMISSION AT WORK.

CORNER IN TEA.

COMPLAINT AGAINST CO-OP.  
COMPANIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, January 14.  
At the Royal Commission on Food Prices, the Chairman (Sir Auckland Geddes) asked Mr. Alexander, representative of the Co-operative Societies, to supply a complete statement of the Co-operative operations on the tea market in confidence, promising not to use it, even to the Royal Commission, unless there was a special need, in which case he would inform Mr. Alexander what action he proposed to take.  
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lication of the text of the protocol, whose 9,000 words and 28 articles are most abstruse. The details of accountancy testify to the indefatigability of the experts, who throughout worked fifteen hours daily, also to the principals, who broke a record in inter-Allied Conferences by concluding their labours on the scheduled date.

ESSENTIAL POINTS.  
The protocol on essential points confirms what has been previously cabled. It is hailed as a triumphant success in London and Paris on account of its outstanding achievements:—

Firstly.—The distribution of the Dawes annuities.

Secondly.—The liquidation of the Ruhr Occupation accounts.

Thirdly.—The association of America in the partnership of the Allies in the collection of the reparations.

The last-named is particularly hailed as an event of the first political importance.

FRANCE AND THE RUHR.

It is noteworthy that France does not recoup the entire cost of the Ruhr armies from Ruhr receipts, but the difference between the upkeep of the armies in the Ruhr and at Home.

## MEDICAL CONGRESS.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE  
CEREMONY.

The joint conference of the China Medical Missionary Association and the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association which has been arranged to take place at the University of Hongkong opens with a special congregation to be held at the City Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Honorary degrees will be conferred on that occasion.

Paris, January 14.—The Financial Conference signed an agreement on Sunday.—Reuter.

heavily on the market, and securing control of a considerable proportion of actual and prospective supplies.

Mr. Alexander promised to communicate any facts that he could get. He asked the Chairman to demand similar information from other people.  
The Chairman replied that he had asked others for information when he had received letters of complaint.

## WORLD'S WHEAT.

Giving evidence, Mr. Smith, of the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society, Glasgow, said that the world's total exportable surplus of wheat was variously estimated from 99,000,000 quarters to 104,000,000 quarters. The requirements of the importing countries were approximately 98,000,000 quarters.

Referring to the crop returns, he said that Australia showed an increase of 20,000,000 bushels in 1923. In the Argentine there was a decrease of 7,000,000 to 10,000,000 bushels. The net result in the four principal exporting countries was an estimated shortage of 105,000,000 bushels on the 1923 returns. He expressed the opinion that there was at present an ample supply, although Eastern countries were consuming larger quantities of wheat bread than ever before.

Mr. Smith said that it was generally admitted that the Canadian wheat crop would not exceed 250,000,000 to 275,000,000 bushels this year against 475,000,000 bushels last year; but the United States returns showed a crop of 784,000,000 bushels compared with 874,000,000 bushels in 1923.

## EGYPTIAN POLITICS.

THREE MORE ZAGHLULISTS  
SECEDE.

(Reuter's Service.)

CAIRO, January 14.  
Following the example of Said Pasha, three more Zaghlulist ex-Ministers have announced that they intend to stand at the elections as Independents.

## SILVER BARS.

TEMPTATION TO ROBBERS.

LOCAL PRECAUTIONS.

Exploits Of Former Days.

People who have played with the idea of seizing some of the silver bars seen in transit in the Colony had best give up since others who have devoted much time and ingenuity to the project, have been deterred.

Under the caption of "Honesty of Shanghai is challenged by Banks now," the "China Press" says:—

"The honesty of Shanghai is being challenged by local banks. With the advent of motor cars and local members of the bandit guilds equipped with shooting irons, gathered in from neighbourhood militarists, the old order is passing as far as the bankers are concerned.  
"It used to be—and is still,

piated, there are hardly any means of disposal in the Colony. And to attempt to ship them away on the water-front would be courting disaster. What with permits for cargo sent away on steamers and a close scrutiny of shipments by junk, the chances of getting away would be comparatively small.

It is the lack of opportunity to convert into money and the risk entailed in taking silver bars, say, to Canton, that is probably responsible for the custom of Hongkong banks, at any rate, to hand out two boxes from the rear door, give it to coolie and have the number one boy direct him where to take the load—and then proceed to forget to worry."

Also, a thief running away with a bar of silver under each arm is under a heavier handicap than even the Indian policeman's hobnailed boots. Neither are silver bars easily secreted in one's waistcoat pocket.

In connection with the possibility of spiriting away—by sheer strength and not a la Main—heavy slabs of metal—precious or otherwise, an "unofficial" occurrence is related on the water-front by old-timers.

Some godown at West Point is said to have been broken into, years ago, and a large number of slabs of Yunnan tin, which is exported in large quantities, were stolen. No trace could be found of the "swag" until the thieves fell out and one of their number gave the game away. In the presence of the Police he is stated to have dived off the Western Praya, near the Gas Works, swum about twenty yards along the sea-wall, and turned in at the nullah which runs down to the harbour, through Hill Road, and is now covered over but until a year or two ago was left open like a canal. Hidden in a part of the nullah covered over by the road, was the stack of tin which had been conveyed there by the thieves swimming with it, each slab weighing the best part of a hundredweight. Challenged to bear out his story, the informer brought out several of the slabs in the manner described, coming up by a flight of adjoining sea-wall steps.

Evidently, the traitor's action has ended the gang's exploits as far as Hongkong is concerned, otherwise they might have turned their attention to a more valuable metal.

As the "China Press" speaks of the "advent of motor cars and local members of the bandit guilds equipped with shooting irons," it is presumed that the Model Settlement has only recently had the experience of a real cinema stunt.

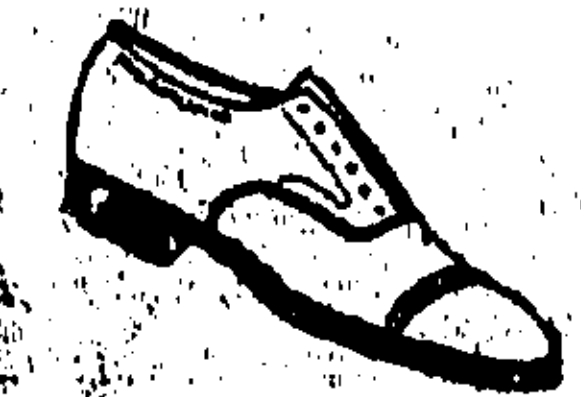
Several years back, Hongkong had its first motor bandit thrill. A money-changer's shop outside Nam Pak Hong was raided. In an exchange of shots with a policeman who came up before they fled, the bandits caused the death of at least one, if not more, passer-by. Down at Kennedy Town, they were rounded up in a tea-house but a policeman was killed. Two or three of the bandits were ultimately caught on the hillside after their ammunition had been expended.

Since then there has been the episode on the New Territory main road when Mr. R. Earnshaw earned praise for rounding up a gang which had proceeded out to a village in a motor-car.

Hongkong's configuration and the absence of good roads across the mainland border mitigate against the chances of success of a motor bandit gang, hence the small number of crimes of this class in the Colony.

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SINGAPORE  
AMARUSA MARU ... Sunday, 18th Jan. at 11 a.m.  
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From Hongkong, Vancouver, Montreal, Quebec, England.

S/Canada Jan. 13 Feb. 9 Mar. 6  
S/Russia Feb. 9 Feb. 23 Mar. 13  
S/Australia Feb. 10 Mar. 11 Mar. 16

Other Atlantic Sailings every few days to Liverpool, Southampton, Glasgow, Belfast, Antwerp, Cherbourg and Hamburg.

Allotment of Cabin on Atlantic steamers held here and through tickets sold.

Two Trans-continental Trains Daily.

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## HONGKONG-MANILA SERVICE.

From Hongkong, Manila, Hongkong.

S/Manila Jan. 13 Feb. 9 Mar. 6  
S/Hongkong Feb. 9 Feb. 23 Mar. 13

Passenger Department: Telephone C. 62. Cables: NAUTILUS.



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S. S.	Tons	FROM HONGKONG (ABOUT)	DESTINATION
"SIOILIA"	9,815	22nd Jan. at Noon	Spore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,118	24th Jan. at Noon	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hull
"MOREA"	10,914	7th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"DONOLA"	8,748	8th Feb.	Spore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KARDINIA"	8,884	14th Feb.	Spore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KASHMIR"	8,963	21st Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Mar.	Marseilles and London
"BOUDAN"	8,968	18th Mar.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SIOILIA"	8,813	31st Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & B'way
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"KARDINIA"	10,914	20th May	Marseilles and London

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)			
"TAKADA"	8,849	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,600	8th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TILAWA"	10,010	15th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKLIWA"	8,800	25th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)			
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	4th Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"TANDA"	8,968	18th Apr.	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	1st Apr.	do.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following—  
The Union R.S. Company's steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand  
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The P. & O. Royal Mail steamers to London via Suez Canal.  
The P. & O. Branch Service of steamers to London via the Cape.  
The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and London  
via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN			
"TILAWA"	10,000	24th Jan.	Moji and Kobe
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Passengers for Penang must defray their own Hotel expenses at Singapore  
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## HONGKONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

## Butcher Meat.

	January 8, 1925.	1919.	June 1914.
Beef, Shoin, - Mol Lang Pa .. lb.	30	34	13
Prime Cut .. lb.	30	34	13
Corried, - Ham Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Roast, - Shiu .. lb.	30	34	13
Breast, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Soup, - Tong Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Steak, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Beef, Shoin, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Sausages, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Salmon's Head, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Tongue, fresh, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Tongue, corned, - Ham Ngau Li .. lb.	30	34	13
Head, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Heart, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Bump, Salt, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
West, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Kidney, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Liver, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Tripe (andressed), - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Oliver Head and Feet, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Mutton Chop, - Young Fat Kwai .. lb.	30	34	13
Leg, - Young Fat .. lb.	30	34	13
Shoulder, - Young Fat .. lb.	30	34	13
Saddle, - Young Fat .. lb.	30	34	13
Pig's Chilling, - Chiu Chong .. lb.	30	34	13
Bacon, - Chiu Chong .. lb.	30	34	13
Feet, - Chiu Chong .. lb.	30	34	13
Pig, - (1) (1) (1) .. lb.	30	34	13
Head, - Chiu Chong .. lb.	30	34	13
Heart, - Chiu Chong .. lb.	30	34	13
Kidney, - Chiu Chong .. lb.	30	34	13
Liver, - Chiu Chong .. lb.	30	34	13
Pork Chop, - Chiu Chong .. lb.	30	34	13
Leg, - Chiu Chong .. lb.	30	34	13
Loch, - Chiu Chong .. lb.	30	34	13
Fat or Lard, - Chiu Chong .. lb.	30	34	13
Sheep's Head and Feet, - Young .. lb.	30	34	13
Tau Kien, - Young .. lb.	30	34	13
Heart, - Young .. lb.	30	34	13
Kidney, - Young .. lb.	30	34	13
Liver, - Young .. lb.	30	34	13
Sticking Pig, to order, - Chiu Chong .. lb.	30	34	13
Suet, Beef, - Shing Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Mutton, - Shing Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Veal, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13
Sausages, - Ngau Yau .. lb.	30	34	13

## Fish.

Barbel, - Ka Yu .. lb.	18	19	24
Bream, - Pin Yu .. lb.	28	30	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish, .. lb.	18	18	18
Carp, - Li Yu .. lb.	18	18	18
Catfish, - Chik Yu .. lb.	40	18	9
Codfish, - Mun Yu .. lb.	40	20	25
Cray, - Hal .. lb.	42	22	22
Cuttle Fish, - Mok Yu .. lb.	28	18	2
Dab, - Shu Mang Yu .. lb.	55	22	15
Dace, - Wong Hoi Lap .. lb.	38	10	9
Dog Fish, - Tai To Shu .. lb.	12	10	8
Kel, - Omer, - Hoi Man Yu .. lb.	22	18	18
Yellow, - Wong Shu Yu .. lb.	24	20	18
Frog, - Tin Kai .. lb.	72	22	25
Garoupe, - Shok Pan .. lb.	75	40	30
Gudgeon, - Pak Kap Yu .. lb.	28	18	15
Herring, - Tso Pak .. lb.	30	22	18
Halibut, - Cheung Kwan Kay .. lb.	28	18	23
Labrus, - Wong Fa Yu .. lb.	30	22	18
Loach, - Wu Yu .. lb.	72	22	24
Lobster, - Lung Ha .. lb.	70	22	21
Mackerel, - Chiu Yu .. lb.	28	20	23
Monk Fish, - Hong Yu .. lb.	48	32	28
Mullet, - Tai Yu .. lb.	22	18	2
Oysters, - Shang Yu .. lb.	28	18	22
Parrot Fish, - Kai Kung Yu .. lb.	30	14	9
Perch, - Tai Lo .. lb.	28	20	15
Pike, - Fa Pau Tong .. lb.	12	16	9
Plaice, - Pan Yu .. lb.	48	28	14
Pomfret, Black, - Hui Chong .. lb.	48	28	29
Pomfret, White, - Pak Chong .. lb.	50	36	30
Prawns, - Ming Yu .. lb.	85	36	45
Ray, - Tai Lo .. lb.	10	10	14
Rock Fish, - Shok Kung Yu .. lb.	18	12	18
Salmon, - Ma Yu .. lb.	42	22	18
Shark, - Shu Yu .. lb.	10	8	10
Shrimp, - Po Yu .. lb.	18	10	10
Skipper, - Lap Yu .. lb.	58	32	25
Sole, - Tai Shu Yu .. lb.	30	28	28
Tench, - Wan Yu .. lb.	32	22	15
Turbot, - Tai Shu Yu .. lb.	30	22	22
Turtles, small fresh water, .. lb.	1.30	40	

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B. F. s.s. "Meriones" from Liverpool left Singapore on Jan. 11 for this port and is due here on or about Feb. 15.  
The B. F. s.s. "Dardanus" left Liverpool on Jan. 10 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe and is due here on or about Feb. 18.  
The B. F. s.s. "Asyana" left Liverpool on Jan. 9 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Otaru and is due here on or about Feb. 22.  
The B. F. s.s. "Kt. Companion" from Liverpool left Singapore on Jan. 10 for this port and is due here on Jan. 18.  
The D.S.L. s.s. "Pres. Van Buren" which is due at this port on Jan. 19 sailed from San Francisco on Dec. 20 on schedule.  
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Jan. 2 and is due here on Jan. 22.  
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Jan. 2 and is due here on Jan. 22.  
The A.O.L. s.s. "Fren. Jackson" which is due at this port on Jan. 21, sailed from Seattle on Jan. 2 on schedule.  
The B. F. s.s. "Enrypinus" left Liverpool on Dec. 29 for Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on or about Jan. 22.  
The D.S.L. s.s. "Pres. Hayes" which is due at this port on Feb. 2, sailed from San Francisco on Jan. 2 on schedule.  
The B. F. s.s. "Petrochus" left Liverpool on Dec. 29 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about Feb. 6.  
The B. F. s.s. "Rheana" left Liverpool on Dec. 27 for Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about Feb. 6.

## Fowltry.

	January 8, 1925.	1919.	June 1914.
Chickens, - Kai .. lb.	45	30	31
Capons, Small, - Shu Kai .. lb.	40	25	30
Capons, Large, - Shu Kai .. lb.	45	30	35
Ducks, - Ap .. lb.	35	22	22
Doves, - Pan Kai .. lb.	25	18	18
Eggs, Hen, - Kai Tan (cooking) per doz.	30	18	18
Eggs, Hen, - Kai Tan (fresh) per doz.	28	16	16
Eggs, Canton, - Kai .. lb.	50	35	34
Eggs, Hainan, - Hoi Nam Kai .. lb.	40	28	28
Geese, - Ngo .. lb.	40	24	24
Pigeons, Canton, - Pak Kap .. lb.	50	30	30
Holow, - Hoi Nam Pak Kap .. lb.	30	22	22
Turkeys, Cock, - Fo Kai Kung .. lb.	80	50	50
Turkeys, Hen, - Fo Kai Ka .. lb.	60	40	40
Snipe, - Shu Yu .. lb.	30	22	22
Quail, - Shu Yu .. lb.	25	18	18
Partridges, - Chiu Yu .. lb.	90	50	50

## Fruits.

Almonds, - Hang Yu .. lb.	40	30	30
Apples, (California), - Kam Shan .. lb.	20	15	15
Bananas, (bridge), - Maao, - Shu .. lb.	4	4	4
Carrots, - Young To .. lb.	12	10	10
Cucumbers, - Ye To .. lb.	12	10	10
Lemons, China, - Ling Mung .. lb.	8	7	7
Lemons, (America), - Kam Shan .. lb.	10	8	8
Melons, Dried, (small stone), .. lb.	10	8	8
Oranges, (Canton), - Shu Yu .. lb.	10	8	8
Oranges, Shantung Tim Chang .. lb.	15	10	10
Pears, (Canton), - Shu Yu .. lb.	15	10	10
Peanuts, - Fa Shang .. lb.	12	10	10
Persimmons, Large, - Hung To .. lb.	12	10	10
Plantain, - Tai Chiu .. lb.	12	10	10
Pumpkin, - Shu Yu .. lb.	12	10	10
Walnuts, - Hoi To .. lb.	12	10	10
Grapes, - Po Tai Yu .. lb.	30	20	20

## Vegetables, &amp;c.

Artichokes, - Ah Chiu Chank .. lb.	8	8	8
Beans, Sprout, - Ngau Yu .. lb.	6	6	6
Long, - Tai Kok .. lb.	8	8	8
Beet Root, - Hong Tsoi Yu .. lb.	3	3	3
Blister Squash, - Fa Yu .. lb.	8	8	8
Brussels, Green, - Ching Yu Kwai .. lb.	6	6	6
Red, - Hui Yu .. lb.	8	8	8
Cabbage Chinese, (common), .. lb.	10	10	10
Shanghai, - Ye To .. lb.	12	10	10
Cauliflower, - Ye To Yu .. lb.	22	18	18
(Medium), .. lb.	20	18	18
(Small), .. lb.	15	12	12
Cauliflower, - Kam Shan .. lb.	10	8	8
Celery Chinese, - Tong Han Yu .. lb.	12	10	10
Chilies, Dried, - Kon Lai Chiu .. lb.	25	20	20
Red, - Hung Fa Chiu .. lb.	16	10	10
Green, - Ching Lai Chiu .. lb.	18	12	12
Curry Root, English, - Ka Li Chiu Yu .. lb.	10	8	8
Cucumbers, - Ching Kwai .. lb.	8	10	10
Garlic, - Sun Yu .. lb.	10	8	8
Ginger young, - Sun Yu .. lb.	12	10	10
Ginger, old, - Lo Kung .. lb.	18	10	10
Horseradish, Shanghai, - Li Kan .. lb.	20	15	15
Indian Corn, - Shok Mai .. lb.	8	8	8
Lettuces, - Young Shang Tsoi .. lb.	10	8	8
Water Chestnuts, - Ma Tai .. lb.	10	8	8
Mandarin, - Kwei .. lb.	12	10	10
Mushrooms, Fresh, - Shang Tsoi Yu .. lb.	10	8	8
Onions, Bombay, - Young Ching Tai Yu .. lb.	10	8	8
Onions, Green, - Shang Ching Yu .. lb.	6	4	4
Onions, Shanghai, - Sheng-hoi .. lb.	8	6	6
Parley, - Kun Tsoi .. lb.	8	8	8
Potato, Sweet, - Fan Shu .. lb.	5	5	5
Japanese, - Yat Fan Shu Tai Yu .. lb.	8	8	8
American, - Fa Li Shu Tai Yu .. lb.	8	10	10
Pumpkin, - Tung Kwai .. lb.	4	4	4
Radish, - Hung Lo Pak Tai .. lb.	10	8	8
Rhubarb (Fresh), - Tai Yu .. lb.	10	8	8
Shallots, - Kong Chong Yu .. lb.	10	8	8
Spinach, - Yin Tsoi .. lb.	8	8	8
Tomatoes, - Fan Ka .. lb.	8	8	8
Taro, - Wu Tai .. lb.	12	8	8
Turnips, Fresh, (Long), - Lo Pak .. lb.	8	8	8
Vegetable Marrow, - Tai Kwai .. lb.	4	4	4
Water Cress, - Tai Young Tsoi .. lb.	15	15	15
Lily root, - Lin Yu .. lb.	6	6	6

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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.  
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**SLOTHFUL HONGKONG.**

Hongkong is usually a hole-in-the corner sort of place. Within the next few days there will assemble here a medical congress comprising some hundreds of eminent men of science. Yet we have only now heard that the local Government has come to an arrangement for any sort of an official welcome. Apart from the fact that to have failed in this respect would have been to neglect common courtesy—the aristocracy of birth is always received with fitting deference—the University function planned for January 20 gives the seal of official recognition to a conference whose labours are all for the good of the Colony. Had it been London, Edinburgh or any other Home city in which the congress was meeting, announcement would have been made long ago that the leading local authority, usually the Municipal Council, would be extending its patronage to the gathering. The Duke of York, the Prince of Wales and the King himself have often honoured similar assemblages with their gracious patronage and have in some instances formally opened the proceedings. But Hongkong is usually a hole-in-the-corner sort of place. Distinguished men can pass through the Colony with never a word of greeting. Eminent conferences can assemble here and no more notice is taken of them than a gathering of urchins in the street. Primarily of course the fault lies with the Government, but the public cannot altogether escape blame. With all its great variety of societies, clubs, committees and so forth, the Colony does not possess a single body that has sufficient interest to organize any sort of a representative welcome. What we need is a literary institute something upon the lines of the Royal Academy, though of course much less pretentious in its scope. This body need not limit its membership to people with a

leaning for literature but could embrace all who seek to take an intelligent interest in the intellectual questions of the day. Thus it would provide a common meeting place for those who seek other distractions besides football, jazz and crossword puzzles, and at the same time enable the Colony to pay fitting homage to the great men of our time when they venture so far afield as Hongkong.

**Romance At The Registry.**

Something unusual in Registry Office marriages was yesterday's happy ceremony at which there were joined in marriage Miss Mary Ho Tung (who accompanied her father on his visit to Britain in the Spring as Associate Commissioner to the Hongkong section of the British Empire Exhibition) and Mr. Wong Sik-lam, of Shanghai. To the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, in whose office all such marriages in Hongkong have to take place, accustomed as he must be to the whole affair being treated very much as a business transaction with no departure in the matter of attire, it must have seemed as if for once a breath of romance was allowed to creep into the cold formality of the proceedings. In every respect, apart from the surroundings and the absence of a clergyman and scriptural readings, the ceremony followed the procedure adopted in Church marriage celebrations with the bride in true bridal attire, attended by bridesmaids and flower girls, with her father present to give her away, and with the bridegroom attended by a "best man." What actually happens at such ceremonies is that the Secretary for Chinese Affairs addresses the parties and emphasises that the signing of the register is binding even though no other rite of a civil or religious nature shall take place; and each has to read aloud a dissertation to the effect that all present are called as witnesses to the fact that—and—are to become lawful husband and wife. A duplicate certificate is then signed and, with a handshake from the Secretary of Chinese Affairs, the parties take their departure. In spite of the lack of romance which most people would associate in the ordinary way with these proceedings, the annual reports show that on an average two or three such ceremonies take place each month in Hongkong.

**A Busybody.**

It has been left to the Labour Government of Western Australia to unmask Tom Walsh, the President of the Federated Seamen's Union, the arrest of whom for inciting the waterside workers to strike should cut more ice than all the Prime Minister's platitudes about arresting the paralysis of the Australian shipping trade. Tom Walsh has been a suspect from the moment he landed in Fremantle after a hurried trip from the Eastern States. As long ago as December 2, Mr. McCallum, the Minister for Works, who had control of the dispute in Western Australia, said that Tom Walsh had then been in that State for about three weeks and more than one of his public utterances pointed to the fact that he was determined to have a strike and hold up the services of the State. Indeed at their first interview, Tom Walsh suggested that

he should arrange a hold-up of the port of Fremantle in order that Mr. McCallum might grant the members of the Seamen's Union some special consideration. Mr. McCallum replied that he viewed it as a decidedly wrong, unfair, and unwarranted suggestion, and that he could not be a party to it. Tom Walsh also fell foul of the A.L.P. Disputes Committee, who "declined to take second place to Mr. Walsh in the matter of regard for the best interests of the Fremantle lumpers and others involved." "What right," asked the Secretary of the Disputes Committee, on December 9, "have a few officials and members of the Seamen's Union to paralyse the shipping of Fremantle, and thus deprive a thousand lumpers of work? What right have a few to run amok to the detriment, not only of the lumpers, but of every other worker in the State?" It is evident that Tom Walsh has not taken the hint that he was, not wanted in Western Australia, even though a Labour Government happens to be in power there, and no one outside his own particular clique will regret the clipping of his wings by being arrested and charged with inciting the lumpers to strike.

**TAXI DRIVERS.**

ALLEGED WRONGFUL  
DISMISSAL.

COMPANY SUED.

When one orders a taxi in Hongkong payment is commenced from the time that the journey is commenced, no matter how far the car may have to go to pick up its fare. It was to this practice, and to the fact that some stands are poorer than others, that Mr. C. A. S. Russ attributed the failure of two drivers he represented in Court this morning, to turn in a satisfactory percentage of "fare" miles as distinct from "empty" ones.

His clients were both drivers, and they sued the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Co., Ltd., for \$790 each for alleged wrongful dismissal and retainerment of money standing to their account.

Mr. M. M. Watson was for the Company. Mr. Russ said that the men were engaged as apprentices to learn the trade of motor driving, and an agreement was entered into for a period of three years, the payment being \$30 a month. In November of last year a notice had been posted up at the Company's premises dismissing the two men without notice, the reasons given being that they had brought in too small takings for successive days. He claimed that the men had not broken any provisions of the agreement entered into.

Mr. A. H. Rowe, managing director of the Taxicab Company, gave evidence and produced the men's charts, showing that the company had been losing on the cars as run by them. A fifty-fifty percentage on fare and empty running was taken as indicating profit. These men had only been doing 43 and 44, sometimes as low as 40 or 39, whilst other drivers (some of whose charts were put in) were doing between 50 and 60.

Cross-examined, Mr. Rowe said that some cars did not vary in comparison with others in the consumption of petrol, neither were drivers given special stands. If they thought one was a good one, there was no reason why they should not go to it.

Mr. Russ suggested that some of the drivers built in order to get favourable positions and keep others out, but Mr. Rowe said he did not think that this was the case.

In reply to another question Mr. Rowe said that he did not think that it would often happen that a driver would be sent to a remote part of the island in response to a request for a car, and then only go a short distance. If it should happen it would obviously count against his percentage fare mileage.

Part of the money claimed by the drivers was what they had deposited when they first entered the service of the company and it was held by the Company that this was in the nature of tuition fee.

Judgment was reserved.

**FRIENDLY "SOCCER."**

UNIVERSITY v. H.K.C.C.

The following will represent the University at eleven in a friendly match against the H.K.C.C. on Saturday, 17th, instant, on the latter's ground:—H. N. Balhatchet (capt.), the Rev. E. K. Quick, F. A. Redmond, A. S. Hen, R. A. Pottsby, F. A. T. O. Yeow, J. L. Youngs, S. O. Shahabudin, S. Hachima and B. P. Ng.

**ORANGE BLOSSOMS.**

MISS MARY HO TUNG'S  
WEDDING.

**RECEPTION AT "IDLEWILD."**

Sir Claud Severn's Speech.

Quite the two happiest people in Hongkong yesterday must have been Mr. Wong Sik-lam, and his charming young bride, Miss Mary Ho Tung. Following the pretty ceremony at the Registry—fully described in yesterday's "China Mail"—Mr. and Mrs. Wong Sik-lam (as we must now call them) motored to "Idlewild," Sir Robert Ho Tung's palatial home in Seymour Road, where they received the congratulations of a wide circle of friends, including many Europeans. Among those present were:—H.E. the General Officer Commanding, Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Lord and Lady Edmondson, from Government House, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax (Secretary for Chinese Affairs) and many other well-known European and Chinese residents of the Colony.

"Idlewild," which lends itself admirably to decoration, was prettily bedecked for the occasion in the best Chinese style. The guests, numbering nearly 500, were received in the first hall by Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung. Sir Robert looking very well after his recent trip to Shanghai. The guests were next received by the bride and bridegroom, who were surrounded by their more intimate friends.

A glance into ante room showed how popular are the young couple. Among the large number of beautiful presents were a diamond tie pin from the bride to the bridegroom, an eight-stone diamond brooch to the bride from the bridegroom's parents, a diamond and ruby ring and jade necklace from Mr. Ho Fook, a cut glass bowl from His Excellency the Governor, and magnificent silver pieces from the Chamber of Commerce and Chinese Club. There was much other jewellery and other ornaments and almost more of the red lucky envelopes containing gold and silver than was known what to do with.

Proposing the health of the happy couple, Sir Claud Severn said:—Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, ladies and gentlemen, I feel it a very great honour to have been asked to propose the health of the bride and bridegroom this afternoon. I was present in this very room on April 4, 1918, when the late Sir Henry May proposed the health of Miss Victoria when she married Mr. M. K. Lo. I am delighted to think that I should be so honoured as to be the speaker on a similar occasion in this house. Sir Robert Ho Tung only recently had the pleasure of attending the marriage of another daughter in Shanghai. If I may so express it we may perhaps call him "pater in partibus." (Laughter.) Upon the occasion I have referred to when Sir Henry May proposed the health of Miss Victoria here in this room, Sir Henry May reminded Sir Robert that they were both knights and if they had lived in the Middle Ages and worn armour and ridden fiery chargers Sir Henry May would have gone to the rescue of Sir Robert had he been in peril and he was sure Sir Robert would have returned the favour in a like event. Sir Robert and myself are both knights. Therefore I can say what Sir Henry May said, and add that I am spending many hours this week in scenes very reminiscent of the Middle Ages. (Laughter.) I have no doubt that Sir Robert would come to my rescue if I were in peril, and I can certainly say I would go to his upon a similar occasion. (Laughter and applause.)

Upon this very happy occasion I should like to say a few words about the bride and bridegroom. The bride has recently been to England with her father, and did some very hard work there in connection with the British Empire Exhibition. The wonderful training she received at St. Stephen's Girls' College came in very handy and helped her through many difficulties. You will remember that when the Prince of Wales visited Hongkong in April of 1922, the bride presented him with a beautiful scroll painted by herself, and when His Royal Highness, through the agency of an ingenious mechanical device, laid the foundation stone of St. Stephen's College two miles away, the bride presented him with another similar souvenir of the occasion. The bride has given great help to the Ministering Children's League in everything that the St. Stephen's Girls' College has done for that body. In many other ways the bride has taken a big part in useful works of charity, and I hope she will be able to continue her noble work, and to use her wonderful talents for the benefit of the community.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**POLICE SEARCHES.**

[To the Editor of the China Mail]

Sir,—I am more than satisfied to notice that a member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, in the person of Mr. Ho Lu, has raised the question regarding police searches being conducted improperly. I fully concur with the remarks made by Mr. Ho Lu and regarding his suggestion that a European police officer should accompany a search party, I think something better might be attempted.

This is a British Colony and what is said to be under British protection certainly ought to be meant and not taken for granted. Has it not occurred to the mind of the C.S.P. that it is altogether ridiculous to have Chinese Police searching Chinese? A group of law-abiding Chinese is on the road and when they are being stopped by a Chinese detective to be searched, there is no doubt that they do not like it; it is only natural that they should feel that a national should only try to help another.

It might be argued that the Chinese detective was only performing his duties, but the greatest point lies in the manner in which the detective behaves himself, and no person in the world, even one with the best of tempers, could stand the violence and "cheek" of the detective. Chinese detectives should be abandoned altogether in street searching. The European police should be given the duties, and as they have a better understanding of pedestrians would fearlessly submit themselves to be searched, and be satisfied that it was in the interests of public safety that all armed ruffians should be rounded up.

But, if searching is to be conducted further, I would lay particular stress on one point which is at present out of the mind of the Police.—Public searching means that every pedestrian on the street has to submit himself to be searched; and it is plainly the duty of the Police searcher to search all who come up the road, irrespective of race—Europeans and Chinese. It appears to my judgment that the Police are entirely wrong not to search Europeans. Considering the number of cases of arms smuggling by European seamen, the Chinese might well comment upon the prejudice shown towards them, and I fully concur with their view that if a thorough search is to be conducted at all, search every one.

Yours etc.,

JUSTICE

Hongkong, January 15:

**SHARE QUOTATIONS.**

Ts.  
Langkats ..... 21.75 Buyers.  
Ewos ..... 12.50 Buyers.  
Shanghai Docks ..... 107 Buyers.  
New Engineering 7 Buyers.  
Orientals ..... 4.10 Buyers.  
Shanghai Cottons 58 Buyers.  
The above, kindly supplied by Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the opening quotations on the Shanghai market this morning.

(Applause.)

The bridegroom has had a distinguished career at the University of London. He is now employed as an engineer and architect in Shanghai. This union of many talents is sure to be a very happy one, and expressing myself in a language with which I am not very familiar, I would say to the bride and bridegroom "Fuk shau hong ning" (All happiness, long life, health and prosperity)—(applause)—and I would also add "Pak fat tsai mi" (May you have such happiness until your hair is silver)—(renewed applause.) I ask you ladies and gentlemen to drink to the health of the bride and bridegroom and to give them three cheers. (Loud applause.)

The toast was then honoured amidst great enthusiasm. After the bridegroom had made a graceful little reply, Mr. J. D. Bush proposed the health of the bridesmaids, Dr. Wan Yik-sing responding.

Following this ceremony, the guests were entertained at tea in the garden adjoining the house. The Band of the First Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, was present, and played the Wedding March as the happy couple left the house amidst a shower of confetti. A long string of crackers was set off as they entered their car to motor to Regulus Bay where they are spending the honeymoon. After a visit to Canton they leave for Shanghai on January 17th.

Between 250 and 300 guests were entertained to dinner in the evening at the Yee Wo Restaurant.



# PIRATE GANG. FOUR MEN SPIRITED AWAY AT PAKKAI.

OUTLAWS ROUTED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKKAI, KONGMOON, Jan. 14. Disguising themselves as ferry-men and offering to take a number of passengers arriving here from Hongkong back to their native village of Chu Lin, a pirate gang succeeded in spirited away four men almost from under the Hongkong steamer wharves.

Initiative by Commander Leung Yau-kuk, who immediately started out on a pirate hunt on receiving a report that the Kowloon ferry launch had been attacked, was responsible for a complete rout of outlaws from Kong Mei, near the notorious bandit stronghold of Chu Tau Shan (Pig's Head Mountain).

Meagre reports indicated that the launch was being subjected to fire when the military came on the scene and opened fire on the pirates, putting the latter to flight. Several military armed launches are now patrolling the waters between Kanchuk and Kong Mei.

Pirate activities have caused the suspension of the low-boat service between Macao and Kongmoon. That part of the delta through which the low-boats have to pass is now infested with robbers who are determined to bring off a coup before China New Year.

Other low-boats linking up all the delta ports will not cease running till the day before China New Year.

The small community at this port does not suffer from "piracy nerves" any longer as there has been a continual naval assembly here. Both native and foreign gunboats are constantly putting in at the port. Last week we had a visit from a French gunboat.

## CANTON WOES.

## TROUBLE IN THE PROVINCES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKKAI, KONGMOON, Jan. 14. At Yan Ping, i.e., near the Yeungkong borders where the anti and pro-Sun camps face one another, the political situation is again developing.

Bandits who would benefit in the event of a struggle are sowing a rumour that the anti-Sun troops are making the capture of Yeungkong city their final objective.

Merchants' Volunteers at Kongmoon held a demonstration when they announced to the public that they had resumed their activities before the parent organisation in Canton met with disaster at the hands of Government some months ago.

## "AMHERST" AGAIN.

## WAS SHE SEIZED FROM THE PORTUGUESE?

Following the publication of a report brought in by the s.s. "Amherst," that the steamer "Amherst" was being used as a Chinese gunboat at Hoihow, information reaches the "China Mail" from the On Pat Steamboat Co., Ltd. of Commaught Road, Hongkong.

The On Pat Co. states that the "Amherst" arrived at Shui Tung from Kongmoon on December 7 last, when a band of so-called Chinese soldiers met her at the wharf and rushed on board.

The soldiers are alleged to have sent off the master in Portuguese by name of Assis and the ship's crew, and then sailed the ship to Hoihow.

Apparently, the "Amherst" was then under Portuguese registry, as it is stated that the Macao authorities are presumed to have taken steps to recover the ship.

The "Amherst" was brought up to Hongkong from Singapore, after the War. After running to Australia for sundry years, in spite of her small size, she was sold. Since then she has been under the Chilean, the Chinese and the Portuguese flags.

## HIS FOREIGN WIFE.

## SETTLEMENT EFFECTED.

A settlement was effected yesterday afternoon in the case in which Mok Lu-man and his foreign wife were summoned for assault by the Chinese wife, and who, in turn, took out a cross-summons against the complainant.

A suggestion made by the Central Magistrate, that the complainant should in future receive the sum of \$10 under the maintenance order through the Court was not agreed to by the defendant, and the case was adjourned until this morning.

The defendant, however, later agreed to the Magistrate's suggestion and the summons were withdrawn.

## BOMBAY OUTRAGE.

## ARREST OF THE WOMAN'S STEPFATHER.

LIEUTENANT LAUDED.

(Reuters Service.)

BOMBAY, January 14. Mahomed Ali Yusuf, the stepfather of Mumtaz Begum, has been taken into custody. He told the police that his wife was in possession of important documents relating to the Malabar Hill outrage.

The papers pay a tribute to the heroism of the wounded lieutenant. A Bombay message published yesterday stated:—An outrage, the motive of which is unknown, was perpetrated in the Malabar Hill residential quarter yesterday evening, when a gang attacked a motor car, containing Abdul Kadir Dawla, a wealthy citizen and a Mohammedan member of the Bombay Corporation, who was accompanied by a lady and his British manager. The firing attracted four British officers who rushed to the rescue. A lieutenant, although badly wounded, captured one of the assailants, while another, shooting off a revolver indiscriminately, to prevent pursuit, escaped. Abdul Kadir and the lady, who were seriously wounded, died of their wounds. The lieutenant and the British manager were admitted to hospital suffering from revolver and knife wounds. The object of the outrage appears to have been abduction of the woman, who was named Mumtaz Begum. She originally was attached to the Maharajah of Indore's Durbar, came to Bombay, met Abdul Kadir, and refused offers to return to Indore.

## SUBMARINE MISHAP.

## MORE HOPEFUL NEWS OF U.S. VESSEL.

ASSISTANCE DECLINED.

(Reuters American Service.)

CHATHAM (Massachusetts), Jan. 14. After a daylong battle against heavy seas, the coastguards succeeded in getting a boat alongside, submarine S19, but the Commander declined their offer of assistance, preferring to remain on board.

The crew therefore spent the night on the submarine, which is still firm on the outer bar, but it is believed to be undamaged, and it is expected to be refloated at flood tide.

Previous messages published yesterday stated:—The United States submarine S19 has gone ashore at Nausett Beach in a fog. The S19 has wireless that her position has become dangerous owing to heavy seas breaking over the bridge. The vessel listed twenty degrees. The submarine, with five officers and 35 men, commanded by Lieutenant Martin, left Portsmouth (New Hampshire) navy yard yesterday afternoon after a thorough overhaul, en route to the submarine base at New London to be recommissioned.

## SEAMEN'S PRESIDENT.

## ARREST OF TOM WALSH IN FREMANTLE.

INCITING STRIKE.

(Reuters Service.)

Fremantle, January 14. Tom Walsh, the President of the Seamen's Union, has been arrested on a charge of inciting the waterside workers to strike.

A Fremantle message of December 3 stated:—Telegraphed advice was received from Melbourne last night that officials of the Seamen's Union stated that Mr. T. Walsh, in response to a special request from the Western Australian Labour Ministry, was making a hurried journey to Western Australia to endeavour to effect a settlement of the hold-up of vessels in the port of Fremantle. Mr. McCallum (Minister for Works in the Labour Government), who is handling the trouble, when asked last night if the Government had invited Mr. Walsh, emphatically denied having done so. "It is a deliberate frame-up," said Mr. McCallum, "and the statement does not contain a shadow of truth."

## FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

## NEW AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW.

CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS.

(Reuters Service.)

Moscow, January 14. In a felicitous speech, in handing over his credentials, M. Herbet, the French Ambassador, said he hoped that the relations of the past would serve as motors and not brakes. He was confident that success would crown his task, firstly, from the friendliness of his welcome to Moscow; and secondly, because history showed that the interests of the two countries nowhere collided.

## CHINESE CABINET.

## FOUR MANDATES ISSUED.

(By Courtesy of "Daily Bulletin.")

Peking, January 14. The Cabinet meeting held yesterday lasted till late in the evening, after which four Mandates were issued, the first of which is considered as an interesting example of Tuan Chih-jui's peaceful methods, and also a revelation of San Chuan-fang's political manoeuvres.

The "Mandate" says that a telegram was received from Sun Chuan-fang, Tuli of Military Affairs in Chekiang, dated January 12, which states: "Sun Chuan-fang merely desires to protect the people and the province of Chekiang in accordance with the people's wishes. Not only has Sun Chuan-fang sent his troops to Shanghai, but he has withdrawn all his forces from that region in a desire to maintain peace. Rumours have recently been current to the effect that Sun Chuan-fang has not been loyal to the Provisional Government, and he fears that the Government may be misled. He therefore requests the Government to make full investigations."

The Mandate goes on to say that the Government appreciates the loyalty of Sun Chuan-fang, and hopes that he will continue to carry out his policy of protecting the area under his jurisdiction, in safeguarding the people and working for the cause of general peace.

The second Mandate appoints Chen Tiao-yuan Assistant Director of Military Affairs in Kiangsu.

The third Mandate appoints Pao-shan Military Commissioner of Hainan.

The fourth Mandate appoints Ma Yu-jen Military Commissioner of Hualyang.

It was reported semi-officially yesterday that Han Kuo-chan had telegraphed resignation of his post of Tupan of Military Affairs in Kiangsu, which is viewed as clearing the way for the appointment of Lu Yung-hsiang, but the Cabinet meeting held yesterday rejected that suggestion.

## VISCOUNT HAYASHI.

## PROBABLE SUCCESSOR.

(By Courtesy of "Daily Bulletin.")

The reports that Viscount Hayashi is retiring have not created surprise, as it has been understood that some time ago he had expressed a wish to resign. The choice of a successor has not been definitely decided upon, but it is believed that Baron Matsui is favoured for the post of Ambassador at St. James's.

## JAPAN AND AMERICA.

## MR. HUGHES'S SERVICES.

(By Courtesy of "Daily Bulletin.")

TOKIO, January 14. A noteworthy statement by Baron Shidehara, who was long associated with Mr. Hughes at Washington, eulogises the retiring Secretary of State for his distinguished services towards the friendships of America and Japan, as well as the promotion of a good understanding between the nations.

Baron Shidehara cites as an outstanding feature Mr. Hughes's work in the Washington Conference, adding:—"Japan's adherence to the principle there laid down, as well as part of her readiness to adopt Mr. Hughes's programme, was due to the feeling of confidence with which his wholly manifest sincerity inspired us."

## FRANCO-GERMAN TRADE.

## RELATIONS STABILISED.

A TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT MADE.

(Reuters Service.)

PARIS, January 14. The uncertainty of Franco-German trade relations, following Germany's recovery of her economic freedom, has been stabilised by a temporary arrangement under which the two agree that the tariffs will remain unchanged pending the threshing out of a definite agreement.

The exactions of the tax-collectors in one of the Siberian districts have enraged the peasantry, says a Harbin dispatch to the "Osaka Jiji." Fifty tax-collectors came to the village of Bichlik, it is reported, and tried to seize a food tax. The peasants lost patience and attacked the collectors, only two of whom escaped alive.

## BOY SCOUTS.

## THE PRINCE OF WALES BANNER.

GOVERNOR HANDS OVER.

The competition between the local troops of Boy Scouts for the honour of possession of the banner which the Prince of Wales presented on the occasion of his visit has been spread over a long period, but definite decision has now been arrived at, and yesterday every troop in the Colony was represented at the Hongkong Volunteers' Parade ground when His Excellency the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) presented the prince of Wales banner to the winning troop. Fifteen troops participated, including the newly-formed Japanese troop and the Scottish troop. The latter unit, dressed in national costume, enlivened the proceedings with a few bagpipe selections.

There was a large number of spectators, among those present being Major-General Sir John Fowler, Sir Claude Severn, Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Lt.-Col. Robertson and Mr. R. M. Dyer.

H.E. the Governor was met on arrival by Mr. C. Champkin, acting Commissioner, who accompanied the Governor during the inspection of the troops.

In presenting the banner to the English Troop, His Excellency congratulated that unit on having won the trophy and wished them continued success. His Excellency next presented warrants to Mrs. White and Miss Wells, both in charge of Cubs, and to Scoutmaster Ho Yan-kong.

Another presentation, also in the form of a banner, followed. This banner was presented by Miss Woo, headmistress of St. Paul's Girls' School, to the St. Paul's College Troop.

Addressing the Scouts at the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. Champkin said:

The first time I addressed you when I took over this charge I told you that a good motto for a good Scout was "Take the hardest path." You can overcome all obstacles by hard work, patience and a sense of humour, and the greatest of these is a sense of humour. No Scout was ever a good Scout unless he knew how to be cheerful and laugh at difficulties, and I hope you will go on being cheerful and continue smiling till Mr. Waldegrave comes back and then he will know I have looked after you all right during his absence. Now, if we were just a Troop we could greet the Chief Scout with our Patrol Calls, but with twenty Troops and six Packs I am afraid it would simply be a frightful row, so being British we will give the Chief Scout three rousing British cheers and I am sure our brothers of the Japanese Troop will follow on with three equally rousing "Banzais." (Applause.)

HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

Cheers having been heartily given, His Excellency the Governor, in a short speech, congratulated Mr. Waldegrave and Mr. Champkin, on the success which had attended their efforts in developing the Scouts' Movement in Hongkong. He was pleased to welcome the new addition to the Boy Scouts of the Scottish Troop. On behalf of all, he wished to thank Mr. Champkin for the hard work which he had put during the absence of Mr. Waldegrave. When Mr. Waldegrave told him he was going home, it was rather a shock to him because he could not then think of a man who could take Mr. Waldegrave's place. He later found he had taken a too pessimistic view. He was sure that Mr. Champkin had done everything possible for the movement, and Mr. Waldegrave would be pleased to find the results on his return. In the meantime, he would like to thank Col. Robertson, who had kindly consented to act as Commissioner. His Excellency, concluded by welcoming the Japanese troop and expressing the hope that they would give the movement their close co-operation. (Applause.)

CHEERS FOR THE GOVERNOR AND MR. CHAMPKIN BROUGHT THE PROCEEDINGS TO A CLOSE.

## FOOTBALL.

## HONGKONG V. KOWLOON.

The following will represent the Hongkong Club Reserves in their 2nd Division League fixture with the Kowloon Reserves on Saturday, 17th inst., on the Kowloon Ground at 2.30 p.m. sharp:—R. Angus, S. O. Hill, D. Lyon (Captain), S. H. Garrod, A. Ferguson, C. Puncheon, B. Bell, E. Ralston, J. Douglas, D. Cameron, and J. Dixon. Reserves:—R. Roberts.

## STREET SEARCHES.

## BOGUS DETECTIVES IN KONGMOON.

ONE FATALLY ASSAULTED.

Appropos the alleged misunderstanding which has arisen in connection with the campaign of searching Chinese in the streets referred to at Tuesday's meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce committee, and reported in yesterday's "China Mail," the following from our Kongmoon correspondent is of particular interest:—

Merchants at Kongmoon have been protesting about the searches, in public, by detectives attached to the Stamp Revenue office.

A merchant carrying a fairly large sum of money was stopped by four men who claimed to be detectives. They insisted on examining his books to see if he had affixed the necessary duty stamps.

Suspecting that something was amiss, that merchant cried out "Robbers," whereupon three of the men fled. The fourth was so seriously assaulted by passers-by—feeling against stamp revenue detectives having run high for some days—that he soon collapsed and died from his injuries. Deceased was subsequently identified as a sergeant in a certain army.

## SMALL CRAFT.

## MUST HAVE CERTIFICATED ENGINEERS.

Expressing as his opinion that the practice of small craft being under way without a certificated engineer was becoming too common, Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, sitting as Marine Magistrate this morning, said that the only remedy lay in imposing fines heavier than usual.

Pleading "guilty" to the charge, the masters of the steam-launch "Ping Po" and the motor-boat "Wo Yau" were each fined \$15. On the application of the prosecution, the case against the motor-boat "Tai Lee 3" was withdrawn. It was mentioned that the coxswain also held an engineer's ticket, but His Worship remarked that a man holding a dual position was not satisfactory.

## LOVE OF ANIMALS.

## MR. GALSWORTHY ON OUR DEBT TO THEM.

A foreword in the programme of the annual fair, held at Church House, Westminster, of the National Council for Animals' Welfare Week, was by Mr. John Galsworthy, who wrote:—

"I have observed that before men can be gentle and broadminded with each other, they are always gentle and broadminded about beasts. These dumb things, so beautiful—even the plain ones—in their different ways, and so touching in their dumbness, do draw us to magnanimity, and help our hearts to grow. No! I don't think I exaggerate. Most surely I don't want to; for there is no discipline one can do to all these helpless things so great as to ride past the hounds, to fly so far in front of public feeling as to cause nausea and reaction. But I feel that most of us, deep down, really love these furred and feathered creatures that cannot save themselves from us—that are like our own children, because they are so helpless; that are in a way sacred, because in them we watch, and through them we understand, those greatest blessings of the earth—Beauty and Freedom. They give us so much; they ask nothing from us. What can we do in return but spare them all the suffering we can?"

London, January 14.—The Short Time Organisation Committee of the Master Cotton Spinners' Federation decided, at Manchester yesterday, upon the curtailment of production to the extent of 8 1/2 hours a week to be continued to the end of the month.—*Reuter.*

Last month a remarkable discovery was made at the house of Thomas Sleator, in Keady, County Armagh, Ireland. Sleator, who was a postman with thirty years' service, died two years ago, and his house was not taken over until lately, when the new tenant found the whole premises littered with letters. Over a thousand letters were found, consisting of envelopes which, when posted, evidently contained large sums of money, business communications, private correspondence, official papers, and Christmas cards. Letters had been accumulating for ten years and were all addressed to local people. Why the discovery was not made long ago is a mystery, as the Post Office must have received numerous complaints regarding the non-delivery of the letters.

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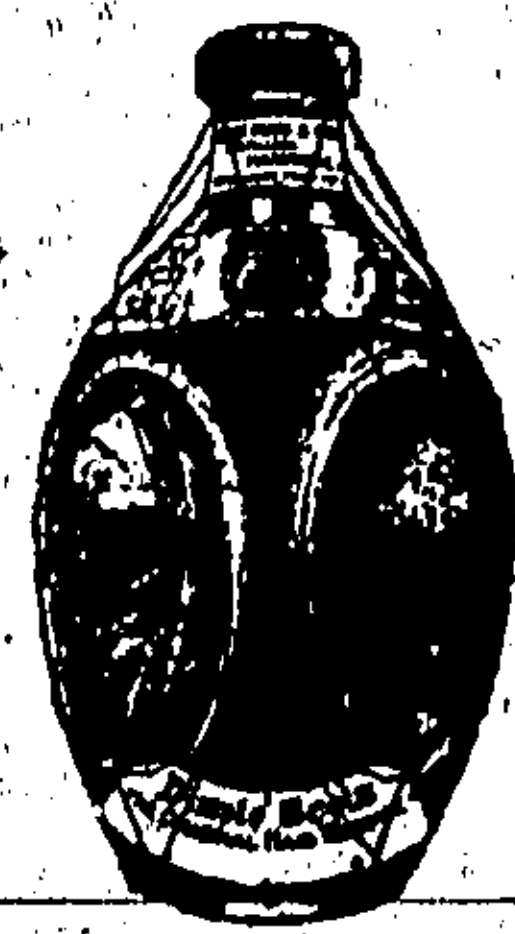
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From the A.P.C. (South China) Ltd., the "China Mail" has received a number of artistic Chinese calendars reproducing a classic picture.

About \$80,000 worth of non-Government chandu was seized at Singapore on board the steamer "Hong Wah," on her arrival from China ports.

A fire broke out yesterday morning at the Yau Sun Knitting Factory, Shanghai Street, Yaumatei. The workmen immediately subdued the outbreak with buckets of water before the arrival of the Fire Brigade. The damage done was very slight.

Carelessly thrown cigarette butts were the cause of more fires in Osaka in the past five years than faulty chimneys, kitchen accidents or electric leakages—these causes being the next in order.

The famine-stricken people in the north of China are feeding on the leaves of trees, writes the Mayor of a small town to the International Famine Relief Association of Peking. As the winter closes down, they will be deprived of even this sustenance. It is stated that 1,500,000 people are utterly destitute and will have no food from their own districts till the summer.

In an interview with Mr. B. Lenox Simpson (Putnam Weale) which appears in the Chinese press, Marshal Tuan Chih-jui said that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang has been appointed Frontier Tupan of the Northwestern Territories, and that he will shortly assume the post. Referring to Marshal Wu Pei-fu, Marshal Tuan said that the Government was prepared to offer him a suitable, but important, post if he gave up his idea of unifying the country by force. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs was still vacant and, added Marshal Tuan, he expected that Mr. Tang Shao-yi would shortly arrive in Peking to take over the post. He said that he also hoped for an early settlement of the gold franc problem. Marshal Feng has, it is understood, definitely refused to take over the post of Frontier Tupan and there is as yet still no sign of Mr. Tang Shao-yi shortly going to Peking.

Medical officers of health at Home are being invited to co-operate with the College of Pestology in a Fly Swatting Week at the end of July each year.

The American Minister has notified the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that a large number of forged \$50 American Federal banknotes have been circulated.

According to the Industrial "Daily News" a company with \$500,000 capital is being formed to carry out extensive developments at Port Sudan terminus of the Sudanese railway system.

What might almost be described as a general exodus of leading Singapore firms from their former offices into the new Union Building and Hongkong Bank Building is taking place.

A Kuala Lumpur correspondent wrote to the "Malay Mail" a fortnight ago:—The temperature in my house at 5 p.m. yesterday was 85° F. up to 1st, and this morning at 8 o'clock it was 73° F. downstairs—a big difference in fifteen hours.

Japan's decision to follow the Russian example in exchanging Ambassadors in place of Ministers with China is confirmed by the inclusion of a small amount in the Budget to meet the cost of the change.

Meteorological experts at Home are now able to announce that the year 1924 holds the record for rainfall. The records of Hampstead Observatory which date back 95 years show that in this period the rainfall has never reached the figure registered during last year, namely, 37.21 inches to December 20.

With tears streaming down his face and the entire court-room weeping, a New York magistrate committed for trial Wong Chue, on a charge of violation of the Sullivan law. It was not the wee-begone Tongman who wrung tears from the eyes of all beholders, but one of several tear gas bombs found in his possession, which sprang a leak when they were exhibited in evidence.

One case of diphtheria (Chinese) and one of enteric fever (British, imported) occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended yesterday.

Mr. T. R. Parsons, residing at No. 2, Broadwood Terrace, had his son, 3½ years of age, bitten by his own dog yesterday afternoon. The boy was given medical attention, and the dog taken to Kennedy Town for observation.

Cargo junkmen at Pakkai have threatened to go on strike as a protest against the levy of an additional police tax, says our Kongs-moon correspondent in a message of yesterday's date. The Shih-shing (West River) junks have already struck against a collection of 15 per cent, *ad valorem* as an additional tax.

The arrest of a Chinese, having in his possession an automatic pistol and six rounds of ammunition, was effected by a Revenue Officer. The man will be charged before the Magistrate in due course.

General Chang Yuan-ming, the Defence Commissioner of Sungkiang and Shanghai, is reported to have secured a loan of \$30,000 from local merchants for his military expenses.

The loss of a lady's silk hand-bag containing \$110 in cash is reported to the police by Mrs. Williamson, residing at No. 53, The Peak. The article was stolen from a wardrobe in her bedroom some time between Saturday night and Monday morning.

A novel way of attracting buyers has been tried by two Tokyo drapers, according to the "Miyako." They put wicker baskets full of silver and copper coins at the shop-front and permitted all who bought articles above ¥5 in value to take as many coins as they could grasp, with another grasp for each ¥5 spent. This attracted greedy buyers, who soon swarmed at these shops. The police stopped the game.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The death took place last month of Rev. Stewart Headlam, at one time a leading figure in educational and theatrical circles.

Mr. Bertin, the French naval architect who died recently, was engaged by the Japanese Government from 1886 to 1890 to design warships for the Japanese navy.

In connection with the first flight of passenger aeroplanes over the Andes, it is interesting to recall that Colonel Zanni was the first aviator to fly over the great range. This was shortly after the war.

An operation was performed on Dr. Sun Yat-sen in Peking on Tuesday of last week, reports the Chinese press, and he is now progressing favourably. It is thought that he will have fully recovered within a fortnight's time.

The resignation of Mr. G. N. Wilson as a member of the Shanghai Municipal Council and Electricity Committee, owing to his departure from Shanghai, has been accepted with regret, states the "Municipal Gazette."

Pu-yi (Hsuan-tung), the young Emperor, is reported by the Chinese press to have decided to leave Peking for Japan in a few days' time with his family. He will later go to America and Europe.

Lady Marjorie Dalrymple, who is a cousin of Lady Eyrefort, wife of the Governor of British North Borneo, is visiting British North Borneo. It is understood that Lady Marjorie is most interested in the Girl Guide movement both in Scotland and England.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder S. Wright of Tientsin announced the engagement of their niece Miss Juliette Caroline Grimes to Mr. Alexander Stuart Clark at a dinner party given to a group of their friends on Christmas Day. Miss Grimes is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Richard Grimes of Marietta, Ohio. She has been spending some time at Peking and is at present visiting Marietta College and the Bristol School for girls at Washington, D.C. Mr. Clark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Clark of Tampa, Florida. He is a graduate of the University of Florida and is at present connected with the American Tobacco Products Co. Their wedding will take place about the Chinese New Year.

F. J. Davar, the Scoutmaster of the Twelfth Bombay Scout Troop, who is making a world tour on a bicycle, has arrived at Berne.

Professor Gustav Kron, the German instructor at the Tokyo Music Academy, who joined the institution in 1913, has resigned his post and is to leave for home in March next.

On Sunday the new golf course at Kowloon City will be officially opened by H. E. the Governor who will play a round with the C. O. C. (Major-General Sir John Fowler).

Mr. G. Stothard, manager of Malakoff Estate, Malaya, had to leave for home at short notice by the mail on medical orders. Mr. Stothard, who has been 24 years in the East, had hitherto enjoyed remarkably good health.

The marriage took place on December 23 at Christ Church, Galle Face, of Mr. Harry William Hawkeswood, manager of the General Rubber Company, and Miss Helen June Bligh, daughter of Mr. Francis Bligh, merchant, New South Wales, and Mrs. Bligh.

The death has occurred at the Archbishop's Palace at Borella of the Very Rev. Father C. Conrad, O.M.I., Vicar Procurator and General Manager of the Ceylon "Catholic Messenger." The late Father Conrad, who was 66 years of age, had served in various parts of the island.

The Labour Party's sole woman representative in the new Parliament is Miss Ellen Wilkinson, who is 33 years old. She is only five feet tall, but has established a reputation for pluck and pugnacity. She is known as a wit and is one of the most effective woman platform speakers in the country.

The "Japan Chronicle" announces the death of Mr. H. R. Johnson, steward of the Oriental Hotel. Mr. Johnson, who was forty-four years old, has been in the hotel business in different parts of the world all his life, and for the last thirteen years had been with the Tokyo Kisen Kaisha—for five years as travelling steward, going from ship to ship to see that the standard of the service was maintained, and for the past eight years at the Oriental Hotel. He leaves a widow and a son of eleven.

Lord and Lady Parmoor have sailed from Genoa and will arrive in Ceylon on January 17.

The death has occurred in Colombo of Capt. Harold Roland Donnelly, of the 3/20th Burma Rifles.

On the return from Wembley of Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, secretary to the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Chow Pak-tun, who has been acting Secretary during Mr. Ip's absence, has been appointed Assistant Secretary to the Chamber.

General Hsu Shung-chi, commanding Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Cantonese army, has not arrived in Kongs-moon, but is still believed to be somewhere up the West River, probably at Shuihung.

According to our Kongs-moon correspondent, Li Yat-ngok, who was dismissed from the post of Heungshan magistrate by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, has been appointed by the merchants' Volunteer Corps and Village Guards of the four districts of Nam Hoi, Shun Tak, Koon Shan and Hoi Shan.

Mr. Lindley-Jones, O.B.E., Editor of the "Mercantile Guardian," is expected in Singapore shortly. Mr. Lindley-Jones, who is accompanied by Mr. F. Hilary Jones, is well-known to many business men and is, on tour, through India, Burma, the Straits and Ceylon on a quest for a great understanding of trade methods beyond the seas. Mr. Jones is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and of the Institute of Journalists.

Mr. Au Tung has been appointed manager of the Hongkong station of the Chinese Telegraph Administration, in succession to Mr. Y. C. Chin. Mr. Au studied law at the Japanese Law University and was once telegraphic secretary to the late Yuan Shi-kai. On several occasions Mr. Au was private secretary to the Minister of Communications. He has also been telegraph superintendent of the Pukow-Shunyang Railway and transport superintendent of the Ching-Ting and Lungshai Railways. Mr. Au is sparing no pains to re-establish telegraphic communication between Hongkong and Canton.

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# "MR. A."

## "ACTING" MAHARAJAH OF KASHMIR.

### HIS LONDON VISIT.

It was recently revealed at Home, with the sanction of the India Office, that "Mr. A." mentioned so prominently in the Midlands Bank case was Rajah Sir Hari Singh, K.C.I.E., nephew and heir to the Maharajah of Jammu and Kashmir, one of the leading ruling princes of India.

Major-General Rajah Sir Hari Singh, holder of a long list of imperial honours and decorations, is (says the "Daily Express") heir to the sovereignty of one of the most romantic countries of the East. Kashmir is renowned for its magnificent scenery, its nightingales, and its roses. It is the background of the famous "Indian Love Lyrics."

The Maharajah of Jammu and Kashmir, to which rank Sir Hari Singh will attain, is one of the most important ruling princes of the Indian Empire, and ranks in precedence with the Gikwar of Baroda, the Maharajah of Gwalior, and the Nizam of Hyderabad. He is entitled to a salute of twenty-one guns, the highest number accorded to any ruler in India. Only the King-Emperor, his Viceroy, or members of the British Royal Family are entitled to a greater number of guns. The monarch of any other European country would be received in India with the same salute as the Maharajah of Kashmir.

The Maharajah.

General Sir Partab Singh, Bahadur, G.C.I.E., G.B.E., an old man of seventy-four, is the present Maharajah of Jammu and Kashmir, but he takes little part in affairs of State, owing to his age and health, and has delegated most of his official duties to his nephew and heir, Sir Hari Singh. "Mr. A." is, in effect, the acting Maharajah of one of the richest provinces in India, a country with a population of three millions, yielding a revenue to its sovereign of £1,250,000 a year.

Sir Hari Singh is now thirty years of age. He was just over twenty-four when he met Mrs. Robinson on his first visit to London in 1919. He is a handsome man, with the regular features of a high-caste Indian. He is in build about the middle height; rather inclined to a heaviness of figure. He speaks perfect English, which he learned from his private tutors and at the Mayo College at Ajmer, where he finished his education.

He is commander-in-chief of his uncle's army, a force which numbers 8,000 infantry and cavalry, with two brigades of artillery. He holds the honorary rank of major-general in the Indian Army, and is entitled to a special royal salute of guns in his own right whenever he carries out any public duty.

Sport is his chief private interest. He maintains a racing stable, and his horses are entered at the most important meetings in India. He is particularly keen on polo, and pays large sums of money for his polo ponies. He is a first-class cricketer and has his own private cricket ground, where he practises regularly during the season. Swimming is another of his pastimes.

His visit to England in 1919—the year in which he met Mrs. Robinson at the Victory Ball—was the first occasion on which the young prince had ever left India. The idea was that he should absorb ideas of Western government and administration, and also see something of the world for himself. He travelled with a full retinue of court officials, secretaries and servants. His headquarters in London during the summer and autumn was a house in Curzon-street, Mayfair.

The King and the Queen received Sir Hari Singh on two occasions at Buckingham Palace, and he was a guest at many of the social functions of the season.

Dances And Theatres.

He was shown everything he cared to see. He visited theatres, went to dances, and generally enjoyed himself as a distinguished visitor. Among the places he visited were Aldershot and Portsmouth, where he was shown over the dockyard. A considerable time during the summer of 1919 was spent by Sir Hari in Ireland, where he went to buy polo ponies and horses, under the escort of Captain Arthur, his A.D.C. Captain Arthur, an Irishman who formerly had a racing stable of his own near Limerick, was able to put the prince in touch with a number of people who were useful in this respect. A string of horses which Sir Hari Singh bought for £50,000 were placed for a while in the care of an Irish trainer in the Curragh district until they could be shipped to India.

Sir Hari registered his colours in Ireland, and his horses ran at

several meetings. At the Phoenix Park races in July 1919 he won the Irish Breeders' Produce Stakes of £1,000 with Sir Lancelot. Sir Hari and Captain Arthur, who was received by leading Munster families, among whom he was extremely popular.

In view of all the revelations in the bank case, a statement made by Sir Hari Singh, in an interview just before his return to Kashmir, is particularly interesting. He declared that he had learned fully how much there was that the West could teach the East.

Sir Hari Singh was married last year. He drove to the bridal ceremony in a wonderful jewelled coach, wearing a kind of veil made of gold thread, the traditional screen for a Kashmir bridegroom. A gorgeous State umbrella was borne above his head. The prince is a Hindu, although three-quarters of the people in Kashmir are of the Mohammedan faith.

When the Prince of Wales visited India, Sir Hari Singh received him at Srinagar, and afterwards conducted him to meet the leading councillors of the State.

Personal Stories.

Remarkable personal stories concerning Sir Hari Singh were related to a "Daily Express" representative by an Irishwoman, living in London.

"I was introduced to Sir Hari Singh in Dublin," she said, "and afterwards came to know him very well. He was just an interesting boy, to whom everything in England was new and highly attractive. He was extraordinarily shy and reserved until one drew him out in conversation, but once you could get him to talk he could be most fascinating. Personally he was more interested in sport than anything else, but on serious subjects he could talk well, and he had a remarkable knowledge of all manner of curious statistics, like the crop production of various countries, and the yield of wheat per acre."

"Life to him was wonderful in London. He stayed first of all at a great hotel, but after a time took the house in Curzon-st. The chief of his suite was Prince Maboob, who acted as his secretary. There were other under-secretaries in the party, and at least five personal valets. Captain Arthur was more or less in charge of him."

"Sir Hari Singh was keen on the theatre and went to every new piece in town, but with a leading bookmaker, but although he was so wealthy, he hated losing money. It was his idea at one time to buy an estate in Ireland because he liked the country so much. During his visits to Dublin he brought an Indian polo team over from London at his own expense and played against All Ireland. He played polo well and was a dashing rider."

"For the grouse shooting that year he rented Douglas Castle in Scotland, and gave a number of elaborate shooting parties. We stayed with him in Scotland, and once when I was out with him in the big car which he used to drive, he charged straight at a tree trunk to show what the car could do. The bottom of the car was broken to bits."

"Made £180,000."

"Never a word was mentioned by Sir Hari to his ordinary friends about his friendship with Mrs. Robinson. He told me many things, but nothing about her."

"Altogether his stay in England cost him nearly £180,000, but he made that sum by selling rupees on the exchange market, so that really he had a holiday for nothing, except for the £150,000 cheque which he gave after the Paris episode. That business deal in exchange values showed how keenly alert he was, or at least how well he was advised by members of his suite."

"In one letter he recounted how he was to marry again. There had apparently been difficulty in finding an Indian girl of sufficient beauty and rank to be his princess. He had been twice married before, but both of his wives died."

"Sir Hari Singh, in appearance, scarcely looked like an Indian, for his complexion was only slightly coloured."

New York, January 13.—The National Society of Colonial Dames of America announces the raising of a fund of \$100,000 dollars to maintain Sulgrave Manor, in Northamptonshire, the ancestral home of George Washington's family, which has been acquired by the British-American Peace Committee as a memorial to celebrate the centenary of the Treaty of Ghent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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## SECRET SOCIETIES.

## ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S MOVE.

## THE CRAFT FEARED?

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, January 14.

In connection with the Government Bill against secret societies, including Freemasonry, the report of the Commission of fifteen for reform of the Constitution, has been published, accusing Masonic Lodges of having persistently anti-Nationalist aims from the risorgimento to the present. It alleges that they frequently attempted to stir up mutiny in the Army and Navy. Their anti-clerical activities are also touched on. The report concludes by stating that Freemasonry is a danger to the State. Even some supporters of the Government consider that the new restrictions will merely cause Masonic activities to become more secret, and therefore more dangerous, than ever. It is reliably stated that the Grand Master, Signor Torregiani, has already dissolved all the Italian Lodges, and the Freemasons will be, inscribed on the Lodges of other countries.

## MINERS' WAGES.

## CRISIS IN COAL INDUSTRY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 14.

A crisis has arisen in the Derbyshire soft coal industry owing to the Miners' Executive turning down the owners' offer to restore the seven and a half per cent. reduction in wages made some time ago conditionally on the establishment of a separate Wages Board. The decision to hand in notices, expiring on January 27, has already been acted on by ten thousand miners. It is expected that the remaining ten thousand will similarly act to-day. Twenty-five thousand other workmen are involved and fourteen colliery companies concerned.

## WIRELESS DISPUTE.

## JAPANESE PROPOSAL TO AMERICA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, January 14.

It is authoritatively stated that the Japanese Government has instructed Mr. Yoshida, Chargé d'Affaires at Washington, to propose to the State Department that the wireless entanglement in China be solved by the joint efforts of the Governments concerned. It is suggested that the enterprise be placed under the control of America, Japan and China.

[The above message doubtless refers to the dispute as to whether the Federal Wireless Company, of San Francisco, or the Mitsui Bishi contract was actually first in the field.]

## CHINESE WAR.

## FIGHTING AT SOOCHOW.

SHANGHAI QUIET.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, January 14.

Fighting around Shanghai is apparently over for the present. After some fighting at Soochow where the troops divided into two parties and fought each other, Soochow, Wusih, Changchow, and Chinkiang are now reported to be in the hands of Chi Hsieh-yuan, who claims he controls the railway as far as the places named.

Some reports state that fighting has begun between the forces of Chi Hsieh-yuan and Lu Yung-hsiang between Soochow and Nanking.

Commenting on the result of the recent international football match at Hankow, the "Central China Post" writes:—"Suffice it to say that the most impressive moment of the day was the taking of the group photographs. As soon as play began it was easy to see that Shanghai—although by no means the best team that that port could have turned out if it had thought the occasion sufficiently important—was going to do all the attacking. . . . In the second half the showing of Hankow was even still more deplorable and the whole play was left in the hands of the Shanghai forwards, who added another three goals to their list before the game came to an end. . . . We think that probably Shanghai will agree with us in the one little bit of praise we are going to allot to the Hankow Soccer Club—and that is, though they don't know how to play cricket—we mean football—they do understand how to put through a rattling good dinner."

## BLUE FUNNEL LINE.

## NEW VESSEL FOR JAVA SERVICE.

There was launched from the Carlsdyke Shipyard of Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Ltd., Greenock, on November 27, the single screw-gear turbine steamer "Polydorus," which has been built for Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co.'s passenger and cargo service.

The dimensions of the vessel are 425ft. by 54ft. 6in. by 32ft. 9in., and about 6,300 tons gross, and she is very fully equipped, having 18 powerful steam winches for the rapid handling of cargo, and complies in every respect with the latest Board of Trade and Dutch authorities requirements for passenger carrying, including emergency dynamo, boat turning out gear, &c. The life-saving equipment consists of 12 large lifeboats. All the weather decks are sheathed, and the conveniences for the type of passenger carried are of a very high order. The vessel is designed to burn either oil or coal fuel.

The propelling machinery consists of one set of Brown-Curtis turbines driving a single screw propeller through a double reduction gearing, and developing 3,700 shaft horse power on ordinary service, with the propeller running at 78 revolutions per minute, the corresponding speeds of h.p. and i.p. turbines being 3,420 and 2,600 revolutions per minute respectively.

The reduction gearing is of three box type, and is of special design to ensure the requisite degree of flexibility. Astern turbines are incorporated in the exhaust ends of the h.p. and i.p. turbines. Steam is supplied at a pressure of 220 lbs. per square inch, by two double-ended Scotch boilers, each 16ft. 3in. diameter by 10ft. long, arranged for burning oil fuel on the Wallsend-Howden system and superheaters are fitted of smoke-tube type, giving a superheat of 200 degrees F.

The launching ceremony was performed by Lady Susan Townley, wife of Sir Walter Townley, K.C.M.G., chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce for the Netherlands East Indies.

After the launch the guests were entertained at luncheon. Mr. R. J. Scott presided, and others present included Sir Walter and Lady Susan Townley, Major the Hon. J. H. Cripps (Messrs. Holt and Co.), Mr. James Brown (manager and director of Scott's Co.), Provost Brown (Greenock), and Mr. Foster King (British Corporation).

The chairman proposed, "Success to the Polydorus," and presented Lady Townley with a silver model of the "Great Harry," built at Erith, Kent, in 1516, as a memento of the occasion.

Lady Townley returned thanks. Sir Walter Townley, in submitting the toast of the owners of the "Polydorus," said he understood the ship was destined for the Java service of the Blue Funnel Line. He mentioned that he was chairman of the British Chamber for the Netherlands East Indies, whose object was to develop British trade with that very rich market. There were very great openings there, and he thought the present was the moment when our traders should seize upon them. The demand for goods increased every day. In addition to the opportunities for importing goods there was also a very great export trade from the islands, and after the war they were seeing the beginning of a boom. There was a new and strong development taking place in the matter of oil palms.

Major Cripps, in acknowledging, said that from the infancy of their firm they had had ships built at Greenock by the Scott Co., and the Scott Co. had been able to give them ships that had been able to compete with the other ships of the world.

Speaking of the dependence of the shipowner on the shipbuilders, Major Cripps said there seemed to be three important essentials in regard to shipbuilding at the present moment. There was the progress and initiative of the shipbuilder; there was the industry of the trade; by the industry of the individual in the trade, the responsibility of each individual to carry through whatever work he did at a high speed. He had to realise that if we were to keep our position in the carrying trade of the world each man in the industry had got to work when he did work, and had a responsibility to the nation.

The third necessity was the responsibility of Imperial and local authorities not to shackle trade with heavy taxation and heavy rating. They had to realise it was essential to the industry if it was to compete with the industry of other nations that taxation and rating had got to be equitable and not punitive. His firm had tried to improve the transport facilities to Java, and the "Polydorus" was the second of a new type of ship which was going to work on the European-Java service.

They replaced ships that were old, uneconomic and out-of-date; this was their part, their attempt to make the trade progressive and to encourage it. Glasgow was one of the places which should take advantage of the opportunities which the Dutch East Indies offered and he recommended traders to get into touch with the Chamber of Commerce.

Major Cripps then proposed "Prosperity to Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company," and Mr. James Brown replied.

## A COMING ARTIST.

## MISS MADELEINE ROSSITER.

Hongkong will have another opportunity shortly of listening to a variety show from Home. Opening on Friday, January 23, Miss Madeleine Rossiter and her company will occupy the stage at the Theatre Royal for a short season.

From Press notices which have appeared elsewhere, it would appear that the Company is one of the best that has toured the Far East and provides plenty of music and merriment. There are ten artists, including Miss Rossiter, who is the leader of this group of talented entertainers and whose own remarkable "turn" is worth going a long way to see.

Apart from being a skilful dancer, Miss Rossiter, who it will be remembered, came here with Bandman's, is also a humorous performer of considerable merit.

A valuable asset is Mr. Charles Mason, a versatile and clever humorist, who successfully fills many rôles during the course of his performance. Jack Bennett, Billy Iredale, Lena Lawton and Don Gemmell also materially contribute to a most successful entertainment.

## GODDESS OF LOVE.

## "CYTHEREA" AT THE CORONET TO-DAY.

"Watch for Cytherea" has been the advice tendered to our readers during the past few days. And what or who is Cytherea? It has been the question on everyone's lips. The answer is revealed in the "gripping picture," called "Cytherea," the Goddess of Love, to be screened at the Coronet this afternoon and this evening. The picture is based on the thrilling novel of the same name written by one of America's greatest writers, Joseph Hergesheimer.

It is an unusual tale of love in youth and old age. The man was told by a flapper that he did not know what love was—and he a husband and the father of children. It came to him as a challenge. He had his wife, he had his children; he had his home—but had he love? He accepted the challenge, and so comes the starting point of a most amazing adventure, which is done the fullest justice in this First National picture to be screened at the Coronet for the first time to-day. He suggests to his wife that they should go on their second honeymoon to Cuba, but she excuses herself on the busy wife's usual plea—too much to do looking after the house and the children. And so the man sets out alone—and finds love in Cuba, where least expected.

This gives only an idea of some of the picture, which is full of thrills and full of the beautiful tropical scenes of Cuba. It needs no special herald of its rare qualities—these speak for themselves in the picture. Go to the Coronet to-day and give us your verdict.

"ROSITA" AT THE STAR.

MARY PICKFORD MORE POPULAR.

Mary Pickford has taken many journeys, but little did she think that she would go by ferry from Hongkong to Kowloon. This little "sea voyage" was taken to-day, however, for "Rosita" has been transferred from the Coronet to the Star. And all the movie fans know that "Rosita" is Mary Pickford's great, big, new picture.

The story of "Rosita" deals with the adventures of a little street singer, who has thrust upon her the love of a king. As "Rosita" Mary rises to heights of real greatness. The transition from juvenile parts to the rôle of sweet womanhood does not mar her acting, indeed it shows her to be indeed a brilliant actress capable of taking any part in a woman's career.

The story of "Rosita" has its touches of tragedy as well as romance, and no doubt the residents of Kowloon will follow with the same breathless interest and suspense as those of Hongkong the thrilling changes in the life of the little street singer.

The costumes worn in the picture are those of the Empire period. This period is usually connected with France, but its influence was felt everywhere. Feminine gowns in Spain followed the French styles, but they drew at added picturesqueness from the Spanish combs and mantillas which were then becoming quite the vogue.

The Empire was perhaps the most beautiful and graceful of all the periods in women's dress. It was the first time since the days of ancient Greece that clothes were designed to reveal rather than disguise the figure.

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## MARRIAGE COMPACT.

## WOMAN IN TROUBLE.

A charge of obtaining money by false pretences and under circumstances described as "flying the white pigeon" was preferred against a woman at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The accused is alleged to have entered into a compact to marry the nephew of an old woman at Kowloon-Tong on payment of a sum of \$30. The money was paid over on December 18 after the ceremony, but the accused absconded the next day, being arrested at Yumail some days later.

Accused, who denied having gone to Kowloon Tong, was remanded for further enquiries.

## QUEEN'S THEATRE.

## SCENES OF CHARM.

An antiquary and a lover of the beautiful would have found it hard to drag himself from the sets at the Lasky studio where "Beyond the Rocks," a Paramount picture with Gloria Swanson as star, which comes to the Queen's theatre to-day for four days, was filmed.

The story by Elinor Glyn calls for scenes in beautiful British homes, and in one set particularly there are innumerable rare and costly articles of virtue, paintings of note, ancestral portraits for the gallery, quaint and graceful old furniture, rich draperies and so on. Mme. Glyn, who constantly watched the details, saw to it that no inappropriate fittings found their way into the scenes.

In the same programme the Manila Vaudeville Co. makes their initial bow to the Hongkong public by presenting the Misses Miami, Dimple and Millie in a number of the latest in Songs, Dances, and Messrs. Dick and Raymond, two well-known American comedians. This company comes with a good reputation from Manila. They will play here for a short season only.

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

## Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 15.—Coronet Theatre: "Cytherea."

January 15.—Star Theatre: "Rosita."

January 15.—Queen's Theatre, "Beyond the Rocks"; also The Manila Vaudeville Co.

January 15.—World Theatre, "The Demi-Virgins."

January 15, 16, and 17.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 9 p.m.

January 21.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 4.30 p.m.

January 23.—Variety show from Home, at Theatre Royal.

SOCIAL.

January 16.—Bible Study Circle at Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

January 17.—Dance at Craigengower Club.

January 22.—Musical at Helena May Institute, 4.30 p.m.

January 23.—Fancy Dress Ball in the Grill Room, Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m. to midnight.

SPORTS.

January 31.—Hongkong Boxing Association tournament in City Hall.

February 16-17-18-21.—Hongkong Jockey Club Annual Race Meetings.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

January 16.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

January 20.—Lammert Bros., at No. 6, Victoria View, Nathan Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

January 17.—First ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Development, Building and Savings Society, Ltd., at the City Hall, Hall, noon.

February 2.—Twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Star Ferry Co., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's, at noon.

February 19.—One hundred and fifth meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at 4A Des Vaux Road, noon.

February 10.—Thirty-seventh meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.

January 22.—Extraordinary general meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, H.K. Club annex, 5.30 p.m.

January 30.—Annual meeting of shareholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral, in the Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

## MURDER CHARGE.

## CASE AGAINST A CHINESE COOK.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, the evidence of a Chinese detective was taken in the case in which Chan King-chuen is under trial for the alleged murder of Chang Ki, a cook employed at the Central Police Station, at the Central Market on January 1.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg conducted the prosecution, Mr. D. McCallum appearing for the defence.

The detective detailed the circumstances of the arrest of the accused on the afternoon of January 1, when he was taken to the Police Station together with Chan Choi, the master of the Hang Tai beef stall. A knife was picked out at the stall as being the one with which the deceased was stabbed. On the way to the Police Station, Chan Choi scolded the accused for stabbing the deceased for a trivial matter.

Under cross-examination, the detective said that he went in search of the accused on information given by Chan Choi. Witness denied that he used pressure to make accused make a confession, nor did he hear Chan Choi tell accused to confess and that he would engage a solicitor. Chan Choi, who was released by the police on January 4, has since absconded.

After further evidence the case was adjourned.

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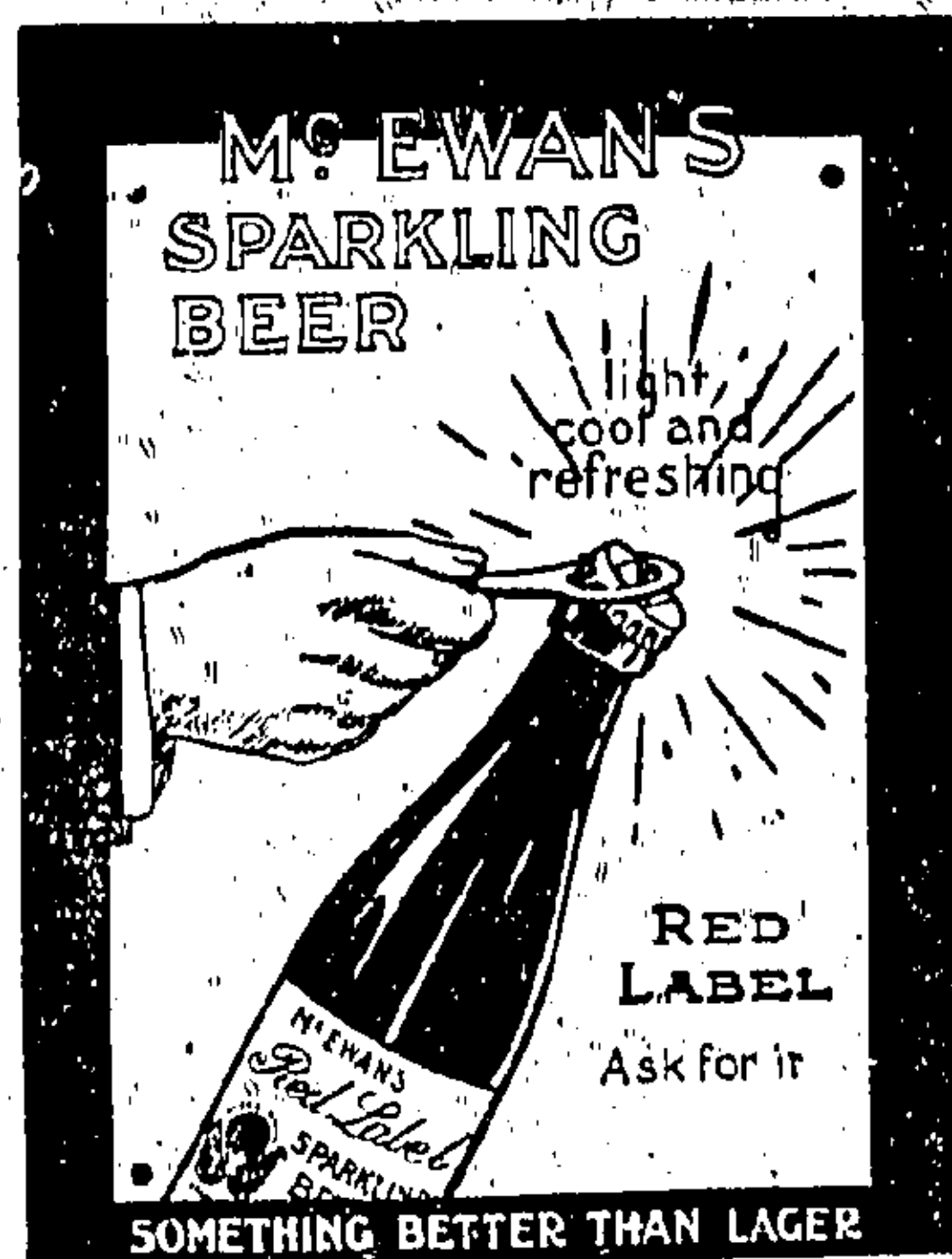
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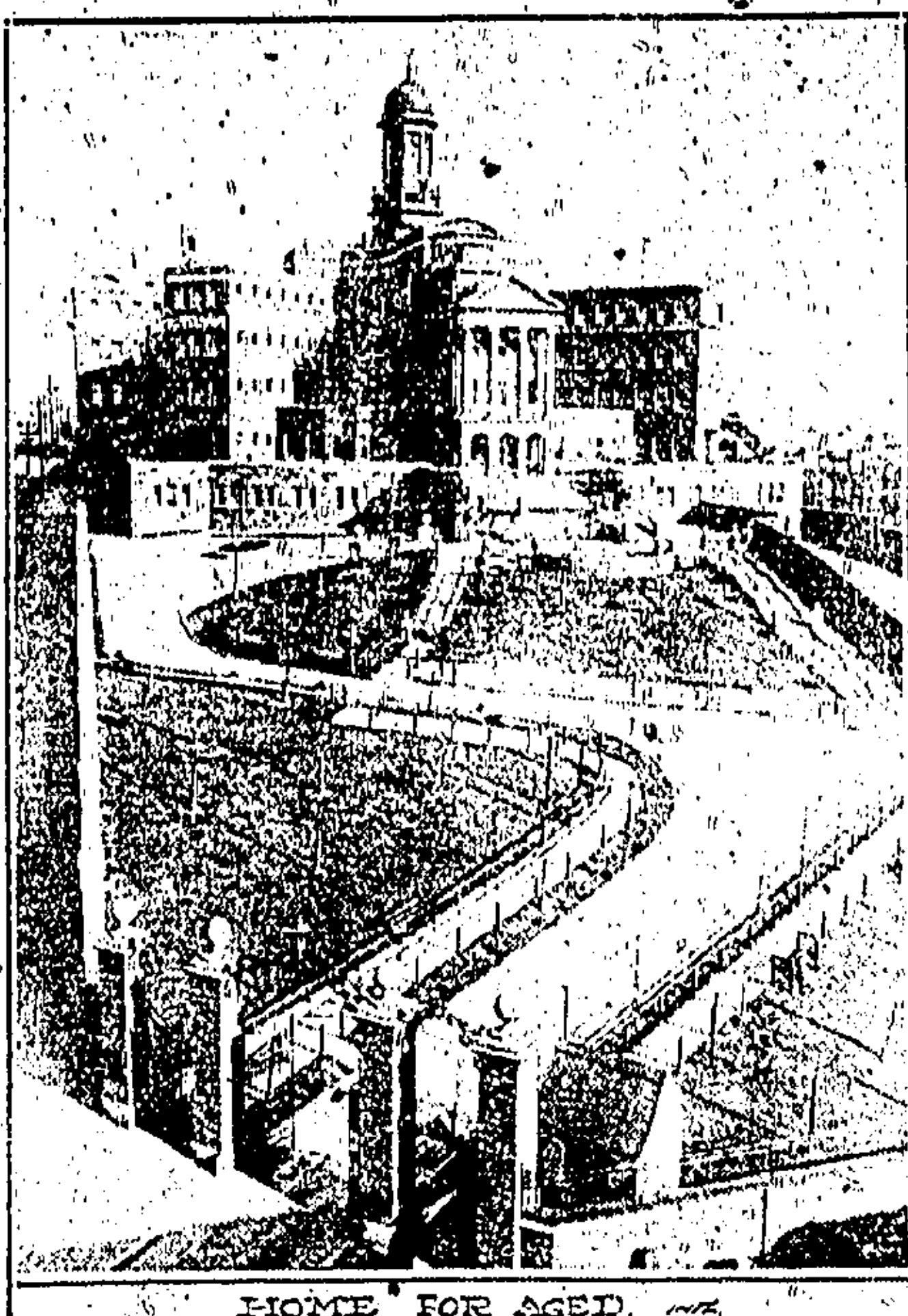
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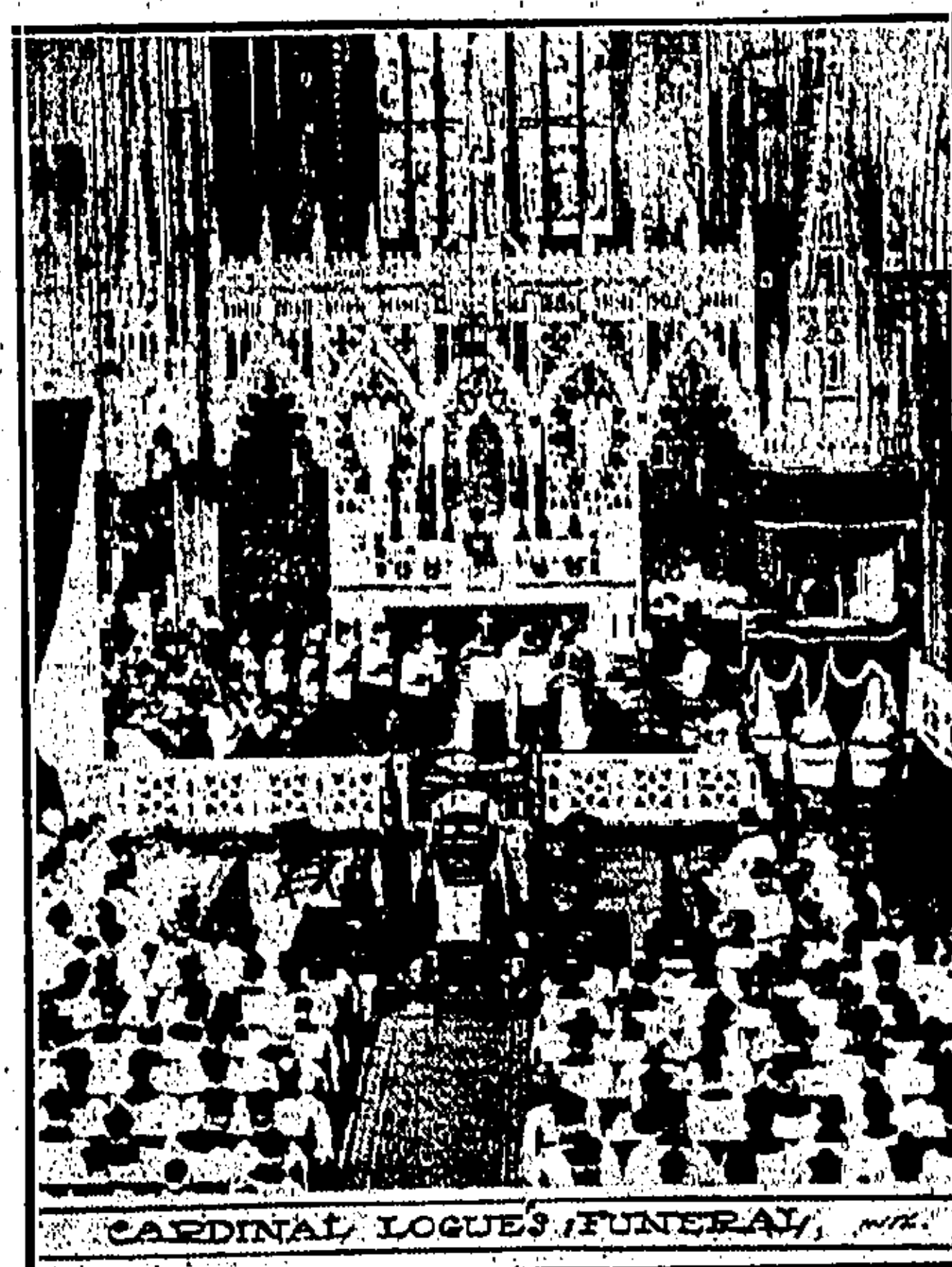
## Jewels Stolen.



MRS. JACQUES ROSENBERG

Mrs. Jacques Rosenberg was held up in the elevator of her apartment house, and robbed of £2,000 worth of gems by two men, who knocked her husband senseless.

## FUNERAL OF CARDINAL LOGUE.



Above is the interior of St. Patrick's Cathedral, at Amagh, Ireland, while mass was being said by Robing Dr. Macrory, Bishop of Belfast, over the remains of Cardinal Logue, Primate of All Ireland and one of the best beloved churchmen of his century.

## DOUBLE MURDER TRIAL OPENS.



MRS. ELISE SWEETIN, REV. LAURENCE M. HIGHT &amp; HIGHT-SWEETIN JURY

Before this jury of determined-looking men Rev. Dr. Lawrence M. Hight, unfrocked minister, and Mrs. Elise Sweetin, are on trial in Mount Vernon, charged with the double murder of Mrs. Sweetin's husband and Hight's wife, in order that they might continue their love affair. Both the victims were poisoned.



A. J. VAN TYNE

A. J. Van Tyne, of Dennison, eighty-five years old, has been a Mason for sixty-five years, and is the oldest Mason to have entered the Shrine.



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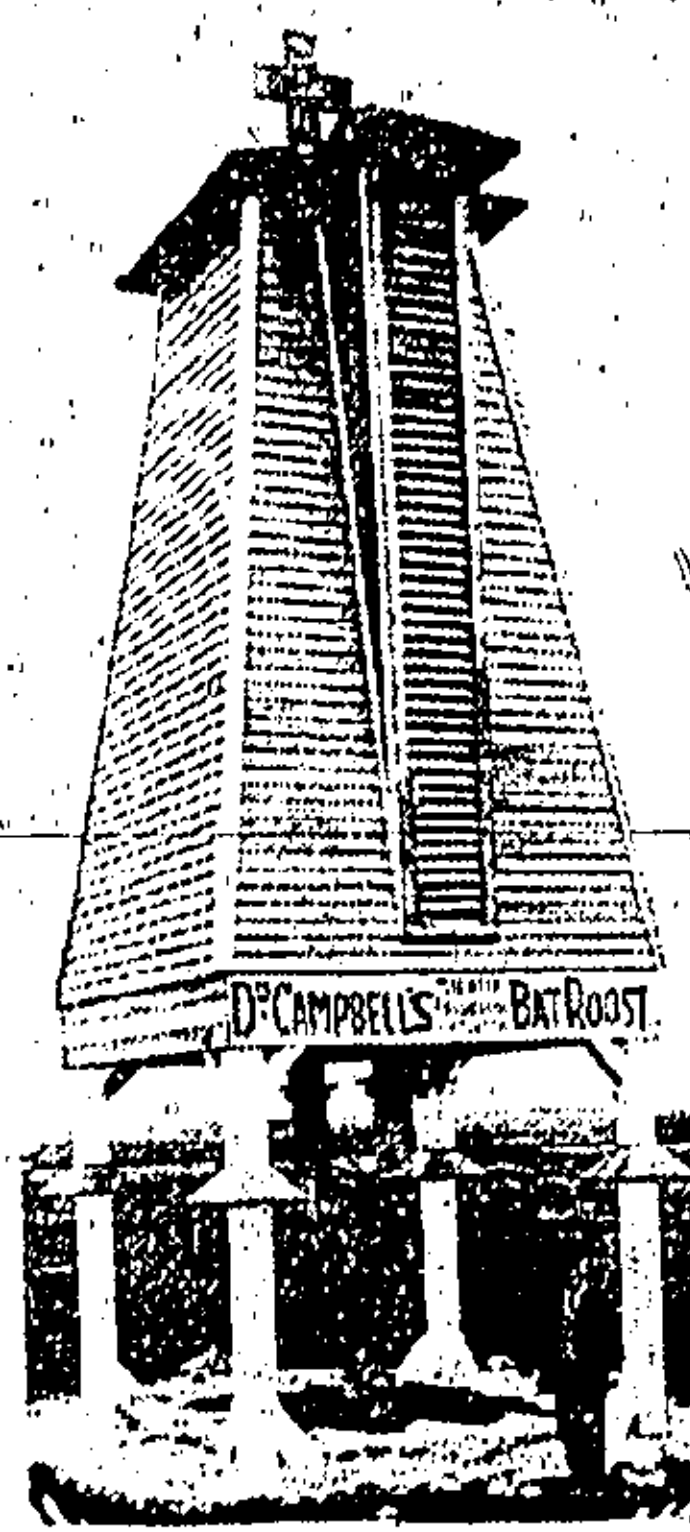
This is the latest photograph of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, divorced wife of Harry Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, who is now running a cabaret in Atlantic City. She is writing a book of her memoirs, which will shortly be published.



GWENDOLYN CASWELL

Gwendolyn Caswell, pretty 22-year-old girl, dumb since she was a child, was taken in an aeroplane to the height of a mile. The pilot then shot his machine straight for the earth in a nose dive, with the motor running. When the machine reached the earth, it was found the girl could talk again. "The motor makes lots of noise," were her first words. At ten feet, she could hear distinctly, though she had never heard before. There were tears in her eyes as she thanked the pilot.

## Bats As Friends.



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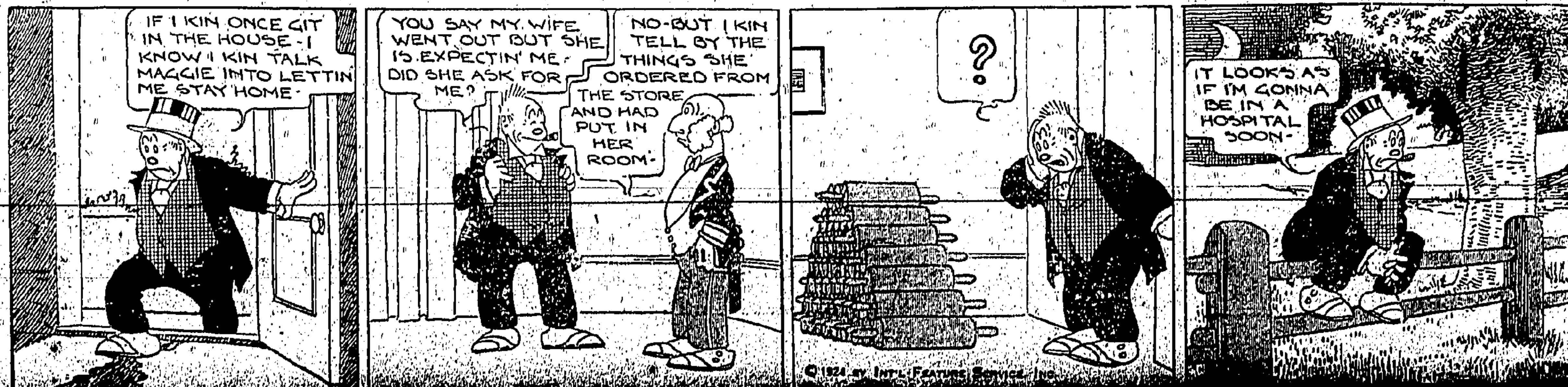
This is one of the many bat roosts erected by Dr. Charles Campbell, who declares the loathsome looking creatures are one of man's greatest friends. The bats live on mosquitoes, and have done much to eradicate these germ-carrying pests.



MRS. MADELEINE C. BOUVIER, MARTIN H. GLYNN

Martin Glynn, former Governor of the State of New York, died suddenly at his home in Albany, following a brief visit to Boston. Bishop Henry Brent, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who has devoted most of his life to fighting narcotics, has left Geneva, in disgust, declaring the international conference on drugs was a disgraceful exhibition. Mrs. Madeleine Gilderstone Pollack, model for celebrated artists, who married Leonard Pollack, following love at first sight, will face her husband in court this month during her suit for separation and his for divorce. Photographs by radio have been sent from Washington to Medford Hills, on apparatus invented by C. Francis Jenkins.

## BRINGING UP FATHER.





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